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Japan Answers G-7 With Vague Pledges

Tokyo Declines to Detail Measures To Rescue Its Faltering Economy

Compiled to Our Staff From Proper for-TOKYO - Japanese leaders

vowed Sunday to push ahead with economic reforms but offered no detailed policies even though the world's senior finance officials warned Tokyo over the weekend to act swiftly.

Officials from the Group of Seven

leading industrial nations and Asia warned Japan on Saturday that fi-nancial restructuring was "urgently needed" to restore its debt-ridden banking system to health and pull the economy out of recession.

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"International communities will be willing to see how Japan takes advantage of this window of opportunity." the U.S. deputy Treasury secretary, Lawrence Summers, said after more than four hours of talks.

'The window is here now and will not always be here," he warned. Markets will be watching developments closely."

In a television interview that was broadcast Sunday, Finance Minister Hikaru Matsunaga said that Japan needed to "revive the financial system" and to "speed up struc-

tural reforms, including tax reform." Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto pledged Sunday to give priority to the resolution of Japan's bad-loan problem.

What we really have to do now is to tackle the bad-loan problem of financial institutions," Mr. Hashimoto

was quoted by Jiji Press as saying. But both Mr. Hashimoto and Mr. Matsunaga shied away from specific policy announcements and fell short of a clear commitment to permanent tax cuts, which have been requested by other G-7 nations.

In fact, Mr. Matsunaga suggested little would be done before elections for Japan's upper house of Parliament

"We are saying tax reform, not tax cuts," Mr. Matsunaga said when asked whether the government was considering permanent tax cuts. He said Japan would lower corporate tax rates to levels prevailing in the West.

Japan's mountain of bad bank loans lies at the heart of the economic troubles in the world's second-largest economy, stifling new loans and threatening the collapse of top banks. Japan's 18 leading banks have admitted they are still struggling with

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Friend or Foe in Asia? Economics Sways U.S.

By David E. Sanger

WASHINGTON — As President Bill Clinton crams for his trip to China this week, he must be yearning for those simpler days, not so long ago, when it was much easier to ex-plain to Americans the distinction between friends and foes in Asia.

During the first Clinton presidential campaign, the Chinese government was the menace, run ANALYSIS

by dictators "coddled" by President George Bush as they oppressed Tibet, threatened Taiwan, forced abortions and swiped U.S. technology. Then there was Japan, America's biggest military ally and partner in Asia. Sure, the Japanese kept out U.S. car parts and computer chips, barriers that Mr. Clinton vowed to smash. But

whenever trade quarrels got really

nasty, cooler heads in Washington would remind people that it was Japan

market-oriented and host to U.S. troops — that Washington could count on in times of crisis.

But no one then could imagine the kind of crisis Asia faces today: economic meltdown. And if you listen closely to the oratory of Washington before the most important foreign trip of Bill Clinton's presidency, things sound very different. Last Tuesday, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin took to the podium of the White House to declare that "China has been an island of stability in Asia"a savvy, responsible player in the global effort to tamp down the economic firestorm that started in Asia a

year ago.
And Japan? The view from Washington these days is that it is spreading the bubonic plague of the markets -

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Speak Slowly, a Computer Will Accept Your Order

By John Markoff New York Times Service

Later this year, many callers wanting flight information from United Airlines will speak not to a person but to a computer that acts like a person. It will ask when and where the caller wants to travel, look up flight schedules and converse using synthesized speech.

A caller can say, "I want to fly from New York to San Jose next Wednesday morning." The system recognizes the names of 1,200 airports around the world and understands concepts like

next Wednesday."
Employing advanced forms of artificial intelligence, it interacts with a caller just as an agent might, even checking to confirm that it has heard correctly
— "Did you say Austin or Boston?"

United's system is only one example of a wave of new computer technologies that understand spoken language and are poised to sweep through the American economy. In areas as diverse as airline reservations, retailing, directory assistance, banking, medical transcription, computer help desks and secre-

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tarial services, machines that can rec-ognize thousands of words and phrases and in accents as diverse as Brooklyn and Pakistani - are rapidly becoming commonplace.

Speech recognition has passed a threshold," said Raymond Kurtzweil, a leading researcher in the field of artificial intelligence. In the next few years, he predicted, "The bulk of business transactions will take place between a person

and an automated personality."

There could be technical problems at first. Some people will have to speak more slowly or clearly than they normally do. The computers still get tripped up by jargon, accents and questions they are not programmed to answer. For example, an airline-reservations system might find itself stumped by a question about ground transportation.

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FRANTIC FINISH - American and Iranian players shaking hands before the start of their World Cup match Sunday night in Lyon. The struggling U.S. team managed only one late goal in reply to Iran's two.

Germans Rally to Tie Yugoslavia

Policeman in Coma After German Fans Get Into Street Melee

By Christopher Clarey International Herald Tribune

LENS, France - At times, it was difficult to believe that more was not at stake. From the way the Germans and Yugoslavs rushed at each other in the opening minutes to the way Jens Jeremies and Sinisa Mihaljovic bumped chests in the closing minutes, their close and emotional game Sunday often had the whiff of a World Cup semifinal rather than a group match between teams who already had three points to

When it ended, with Jurgen Klinsmann on a stretcher and surrounded by officials and Lothar Matthaus alone in the record books, the Germans were the happier team, but it was not because they fans. The policeman was in a coma

had won. It was because they had done what German teams have been doing officials, after reportedly being hit in the long before East and West were reunited: They had shaken themselves out of a funk and rallied, scoring two goals in the final 16 minutes to force a 2-2 draw.

"If you would have told me before the game that we would tie Germany, I would have been happy, but that doesn't mean I'm happy now," said the Yugoslav striker Predrag Mijatovic.

It was a gripping match, full of odd bounces and odd plot twists, but once again in this World Cup, violence outside the stadium shifted some of the focus off the soccer being played inside it. A French policeman and a Brazilian cameraman were seriously injured in

back of the head with an iron bar when he was attacked. The Brazilian was injured filming a melee in central Lens. More than 80 Germans were arrested.

On June 14 and 15 in Marseille, riots involving English and Tunisian fans and French youths caused significant property damage, scores of minor injuries and led to more than 100 arrests and multiple convictions. Two German fans also were sentenced to short prison sentences after clashing with police in Paris on June 15 before Germany played its opening match there against the United States.

Germany won that game, 2-0. One day earlier, the Yugoslavs had been

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AGENDA

Tension on Cyprus Draws Holbrooke

ATHENS (Reuters) - Richard Holbrooke, the newly appointed U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and special envoy for Cyprus, will visit Greece on Monday for talks with senior officials over rising tensions with neighboring Turkey.
"Mr. Holbrooke is the guest of an

American college in Athens and will also hold talks with top foreign ministry officials on issues including Cyprus and Greek-Turkish relations," a Greek government official said Sunday. Greek and Turkish warplanes visited Cyprus last week.

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RETURN TO STONEHENGE - Druids performing sacred rituals to mark the summer solstice at Stonehenge on Sunday for the first time in a decade. The Druids were banned from holding ceremonies at the ancient stone circle in western England following clashes with police in 1988.

Israel Moves Defiantly To Expand Jerusalem

Cabinet Approves Plan Over Protests by U.S., Residents and Arabs

> By Serge Schmemann New York Tones Service

JERUSALEM — The Israeli cabinet approved a plan Sunday to expand areas under the city of Jerusalem's control far beyond its current borders, despite angry protests from Palestinians and Washington's admonition that the plan was "provocative."

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu insisted at a press conference after the unanimous decision by his ministers that the plan had no political ramifications and was not a violation of the Oslo accords, according to which the final status of Jerusalem is to be negotiated with the Palestinians.

But there was a general presumption among Israelis, and Palestinians, that the real goals were to strengthen Israel's hold on what it has proclaimed as its "united and eternal capital," to bolster its links to eastern settlements and to expand its Jewish population and tax base by annexing wealthier and more secular towns in Israel to the west.

The Palestinians, who have pro claimed their goal to be a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, issued a chorus of denunciations. "This is a declaration of war on the Palestinian presence in Jerusalem," declared Saeb Erekat, a senior Palestinian negotiator.

The plan adopted by the cabinet, referred to as "the plan for strengthening of Jerusalem's status," set out guidelines under which Jerusalem would expand the area under its control by roughly a half, in part by annexing several Israeli towns in the "Jerusalem corridor" to the west, and in part by bringing several Jewish communities and settlements on lands conquered in 1967 to the east and north under an "umbrella municipality," with Jerusalem responsible for planning, construction, budgetary matters and services.

All this, Mr. Netanyahu insisted, was within Israel's right, and "an internal Israeli matter, not a matter requiring a diplomatic report."

He said initial reaction to the plan

when it was unveiled last Thursday was "distorted and misinterpreted, in a tendentious way, in my opinion." Washington's angry initial reaction last week, he said, was evidently based on a misunderstanding, adding: "I think their whole response in this matter was surprising and superfluous."

The criticism that there was some violation of agreements that Israel has signed is ridiculous," he told the army radio earlier in the day. "Israel's activities in Jerusalem are in accordance with agreements and with the historic decree of the Jewish people."

The loudest initial protest Sunday came not from the Palestinians or the

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Intern Ready to Admit Sex With Clinton, Lawyers Say

By Peter Baker and Susan Schmidt

Nashington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Monica Lewinsky's new lawyers, seeking an agreement to protect her from prosecution, have offered to have her testify that she had a sexual relationship with President Bill Clinton.

But Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel investigating the issue, wants her also to plead guilty to some offense as part of any agreement, according to lawyers close to the negotiations. Ms. Lewinsky's lawyers have told

Mr. Starr that she would not testify that she had been encouraged by Mr. Clinton or Vernon Jordan Jr., his friend, to lie key focus of Mr. Starr's investigation, the legal sources said.

But the sources added that while contradictory statements by her former lawyer, William Ginsburg, may have damaged the value of Ms. Lewinsky's testimony, her new attorneys have argued that Mr. Starr should take what he can get because she is still the most important witness.

Mr. Starr, too, is said to be taking a hard line during this new round of discussions, offering, as before, only to consider a plea agreement and not complete immunity from perjury or obstruction of justice charges.

The positions staked out by both sides

may be simply opening bids, but they

under oath in the Paula Jones lawsuit, a have defined the parameters of talks whose outcome is crucial to Mr. Starr's investigation.

Despite the seeming gulf in their bar-gaining positions, both camps have signaled they are optimistic they can strike a bargain soon.

"Each side is working hard to reach some conclusion," said an attorney familiar with the talks. It is unclear whether Mr. Starr would

be satisfied with an admission of a sexual relationship but no testimony about obstruction of justice. He rejected such a proposal offered by Ms. Lewinsky's former attorney, Mr. Ginsburg, who, according to defense lawyers, submitted five separate - and in some ways inconsistent - proffers detailing how she

would testify if assured of immunity. But the new lawyers hired by Ms. Lewinsky's family on June 2, Jacob Stein and Plato Cacheris, hope to use their credibility as respected Washington attorneys to persuade Mr. Starr. If Lewinsky does testify that she had

sex with Mr. Clinton, that statement alone could be a problem for the president — politically if not legally because it would contradict both his swom testimony in the Jones lawsuit and his nationally televised statement, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky." Facing the prospect of a deal, Mr.

Clinton's defenders are bracing to

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William at 16: Prince of Hearts and New Windsor Icon

By Suzy Menkes nional Herald Tribune

WINDSOR, England - Like any other teenage boy, he likes techno music, action movies, fast food and sports. But not every 16-year-old could spend his birthday clicking on to one of 50 fanzine Web sites to read: "Move over Leo, Wills is Here!" Or, "Prince William is a cutie."

Or, "I will marry you, Prince Wil-The eldest son of England's Prince

Charles and the late Diana, Princess of Wales, turned 16 on Sunday. To celebrate the event, or rather to damp down

the media fire, the young Prince William of Wales revealed some of his likes (including his tail-coated school uniform) and dislikes — the adulation of his teeny-bopper fans.

The first "interview" (in fact a writ-

ten question-and-answer format distributed by Press Association) with England's fresh-faced future king was a poignant reminder of how desperately he longs to be seen as an ordinary youngster in an extraordinary situation, and of how eager the public is to view him as the reincarnation of his char-

ismatic mother. As his blond hair, quick-to-blush cheeks and lowered eyes stared out from

every British tabloid over the weekend, he has become, in spite of himself, an instant Prince of Hearts. In the 10 months since his mother's death, the luck — or the curse — of his genes has made him blossom from a shy and awkward teenager into the very image of Diana. The Sun newspaper has inevitably dubbed him: "The People's

Since the essence of monarchy is regeneration, it is natural that William should receive the attention and adulation that both his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II, and Prince Charles

had in their formative years. With Diana memorials now reduced

to tubs of autographed margarine and Spencers and Windsors warring like Montagues and Capulets over anniversary tributes, William is the only bright gilding left on the tarnished fam-

"He is the John Kennedy Jr. figure a heritage, good looks and a tragic past that gives him an extra magic from a dead icon," said Robert Lacey, author of the definitive "Majesty," a biography of Queen Elizabeth II. More ominously, Ingrid Seward, ed-

itor-in-chief of the royalist Majesty magazine, admits that Prince William

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Prince William confronts the media.









Face-Off Over Taiwan Led to a U.S.-China Strategic Partnership

By Barton Gellman . Nashington Post Service

ASHINGTON - On Thursday, March 7, 1996, in an elegant dining room overlooking the Potomac River, Defense Secretary William Perry delivered a threat - about as blunt as they come in contemporary

diplomacy — to go to war. Hours before, U.S. Air Force RC-135 reconnaissance craft and the U.S. cruiser Bunker Hill had monitored three Chinese M-9 ballistic missiles as they were rapid-fired from China's Huanan mountains toward Taiwan. They splashed down in the shipping lanes adjacent to Taiwan's two principal seaports.
Liu Huaqiu, a senior Chinese na-

tional security official, found a grimfaced Mr. Perry waiting for him when he arrived at a scheduled dinner that

evening in the State Department's eighth-floor Madison Room.

In what a participant called "a well-rehearsed minuet," Mr. Perry notified Mr. Liu that there would be "grave consequences" should Chinese weapons strike Taiwan words not spoken to China since the countries established diplomatic fies, and universally understood as code for a military response. For emphasis, Secretary of State Warren Christopher and the National Security adviser. Anthony Lake, repeated the formula in turn.

Beijing and Washington had two weeks of extraordinary tension and uncertainty. Former officials now say they were far more worried than was known at the time.

But the crisis also marked a beginning. The morning after Mr. Perry threw down his gauntlet, Mr. Lake escorted Mr. Liu to a borrowed Virginia farm for an unusual day of talks. The two men, approximate counterparts, opened what would become a significant new channel of dialogue, supplanting the damaged relations between Mr. Christopher and his

counterpart, Foreign Minister Qian Qichen.
As President Bill Clinton prepares to embark on the first
American state visit to China this decade, Asia specialists in and out of the administration point to the events of March 1996 as a turning point — from escalating conflict to the "strategic partnership" that both governments now say

they wish to construct.

That month marked the nadir of a relationship that had been poor even by the standards set since the 1989 bloodletting around Tiananmen Square. The lessons learned in the crisis resolved the president's ambivalence about the kind of ties he sought with China and set him firmly in pursuit of an 'engagement' that brings him this month to Beijing.

The same lessons rippled forward to shape the agenda the decisions and the choice of decision-makers in the Clinton foreign policy team — producing last fall's Washington summit meeting with President Jiang Zemin and conditioning even the terms for satellite launches in China that currently roil the administration in partisan debate.

David Rothkopf, who feuded over China with Mr. Christopher and his aides as deputy undersecretary of commerce, said the Taiwan crisis grew out of "an erratic, often frayed policy" marked by "a lot of confusion on China in the first term, particularly in the State Department."

By arranging for Mr. Lake's new channel to Mr. Liu, he said, "the two sides sat down and said, 'Wait a minute. This



implicit and one more direct.

accounts called attention to that fact.

is no way to run one of the pivotal relationships on the planet Earth."

crisis were two Chinese allusions to nuclear weapons, one

"Strait 961" was by many measures the most provocative ever staged in the Taiwan Strait, but some U.S. analysts saw

special significance in China's use of the nuclear-capable M-9 missile. The M-9 batteries belonged to China's nuclear

rocket force - the Second Artillery - and Chinese press

missiles passed almost directly over Taiwan's capital, Taipei, before landing 19 miles off the coast.

Freeman Jr. was a China specialist who served as President

Richard Nixon's interpreter in Beijing in 1972 and most

recently as assistant secretary of defense. In arguments over

Taiwan with top Chinese military officials — he declined, then and since, to name them — he said he had heard an

"I said you'll get a military reaction from the United

Then, according to Mr. Freeman, a senior officer added:

"In the 1950s, you three times threatened nuclear strikes on

China, and you could do that because we couldn't hit back.

Now we can. So you are not going to threaten us again

because, in the end, you care a lot more about Los Angeles

Government analysts soon concluded that Mr. Freeman's

interlocutor had been Lieutenant General Xiong Guangkai,

deputy chief of China's general staff, and classified cables

detailing his remarks received uneasy attention at the U.S.

Pacific Command, the Strategic Command, the Pentagon's

Joint Staff and across the government's China bureaucracy.

"If this was some sort of serious message, we had to

States" if China attacks Taiwan, Mr. Freeman recalled,

"and they said, 'No. you won't. We've watched you in Somalia, Haiti and Bosnia, and you don't have the

implied nuclear threat against the United States.

What no one disclosed at the time was that one of the

OT LONG before the missile firings, in January,

a former Clinton administration defense official

had reported to Mr. Lake on a disquieting set of

conversations he had held in Beijing. Charles

Among the most disturbing elements of the Taiwan Strait

The exercise designated by the Chinese military as

Defense Secretary William Perry and his Chinese counterpart, Chi Haotian, left, meeting amid calmer days nine months after the incidents of March 1996. Anthony Lake, the national security adviser, backed Mr. Perry all the way in the confrontation with Beijing.



It was an occasion for clearing the air, but that meant confronting differences directly. Mr. Lake, by his own account, made sure to find an occasion that day to raise the subject of Mr. Freeman's report.

"I remember leaning forward and telling him that not only were Americans insulted and the president insulted but I, at a personal level, had been insulted by threatening Los

held that there is only one China and that Taiwan is part of China. President Jimmy Carter, who established formal ties with Beijing in 1979, downgraded the ties with Taiwan to 'unofficial' relations.

The Taiwanese president at the time, Lee Teng-hui, sought new diplomatic horizons by traveling abroad for what were described as golfing vacations. In early 1995, he asked to become the first Taiwanese head of government to

The Clinton administration told Mr. Lee he could not

"fundamental policy" to refuse the visa. But he also told persuade Congress of the wisdom of our position."

On May 3, after a \$5 million lobbying campaign by Taiwan, the House of Representatives voted 396 to 0 to demand a visa for Mr. Lee. Six days later, the Senate followed suit, 97 to 1. Mr. Lake and Mr. Christopher feared that Congress would amend the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 to force the government's hand if it did not comply. The administration reversed itself on May 22.

make it clear that we were returning it unopened," Mr.

Lake recalled in an interview.
Friday, March 8, was a bitterly cold day in Washington, with nearly four inches of fresh snow and a wind chill below zero. That morning, Mr. Lake and Mr. Liu drove secretly to Middleburg, Virginia, and the country estate of Pamela Harriman, then ambassador to France.

Angeles with nuclear weapons," Mr. Lake said. "He denied it He said, 'It's not our policy.'" Since the 1972 Shanghai Communiqué, U.S. policy had

visit the United States by applying for a visa to attend a reunion at his alma mater, Cornell University.

What followed, from the points of view of the three capitals, was a sequence of diplomatic double-crosses.

come, and Mr. Christopher assured Mr. Qian at a United Nations meeting on April 17 that it was the administration's Mr. Qian that the administration had been "unable to

"Christopher's credibility with the Chinese, at that moment, was over," Mr. Rothkopf said. China commenced its military reaction on July 21, firing

two missiles a day for three days into an impact zone nearly 100 miles north of Taiwan. The Clinton administration made no

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protest. Some officials thought, ac cording to one, that the government, should the Lee take his licks for buy. ing Congress" on the visa vote,

The year 1996 began with trouble on every front. U.S. intelligence dis. covered the sale of \$70,000 in Chinese ring magnets to Pakistan for use in enriching uranium to weapons grade.

A deadline neared for \$3 billion is retaliatory sanctions for brazen Chinese pirating of U.S. compact discarand laser discs. The annual UN Human Rights Commission debate in Geneva promised fireworks. Most of all, the Chinese were obviously not finished with Taiwan. The island, which Beijing regarded as a renegate province, had scheduled its first direct

election for president on March 23. The Office of Naval Intelligence reported that China began shifting missiles, heavy equipment and several bitgades — about 10,000 troops — to Fujian Province on the coast on Feb. 4. Alarmed this time, the government dispatched Undersecretary of State Peter Tamoff to warn his counterpart, Li Zhaoxing, against aggression. Mr. Tamoff read aloud from the Taiwan Relations Act, which directs the White House to "maintain the capacity of the United States to resist any resort to force" against the island.

R LL who has since become ambassador to Washington, said China's reply was simple: "Taiwan is part of China, and the Taiwan issue is China's internal affair, and no foreign force

and no foreign country should interfere."
When word came of the missile firings on March 7, U.S. intelligence immediately recognized them as a major escalation. The exercise was scheduled to go on until March 25, and with a start as provocative as this one it was not clear

where they would stop.

At the Pentagon, General John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said at a briefing that a military exercise had just commenced the first of several phases. Submarines, destroyers and Russian-built Su-27 strike fighters were preparing for an air-and-sea superiority cam-paign near Dongshan and Nanao Islands in the southern strait. Amphibious forces had gathered, finally, for an assault to secure a beachhead on Haitan Island, selected according to naval intelligence "because of the similarity. of the topography there with that of Taiwan."

It was plainly a huge effort at intimidation, but was it more? General Shalikashvili felt safe in ruling out a fullscale invasion of Taiwan. China simply lacked the sealift resources, especially amphibious ships. Military planners dismissed the scenario as the "million man swim."

But nothing else seemed as certain. Mr. Perry argued for taking firm action to warn China, and Mr. Clinton anthorized the largest gathering of naval firepower in the region since the Qemoy and Matsu crises of 1958.

In Honolulu, Admiral Joseph Prueher ordered his U.S. Pacific Command to form a "crisis action team" to coordinate intelligence and air-and-sea operations around the clock. Chinese public rhetoric became as warlike as any heard in decades, including vows to "bury" the Americans if it came to a fight.

U.S. Describes Wartime Role of Neutral Nations 🕡 🥒 Don't Label His 10 Kids,

To some, it was a threat.

than Taipei."

By James Risen

New York Times Service WASHINGTON — Ever since the current uproar erupted over the Switzerland played in helping to finance Hitler's war machine has been the focus of debate.

But as investigators in the United States and other countries have scholars and historians said. scoured archives of World War II for clues, they have repeatedly stumbled over evidence raising broader questions about the nature of neutrality during the war.

Those questions have now come for much smaller wars." to the fore in a State Department report that takes a broad look at the role played by all of the major neutral countries in aiding Nazi Germany.

The report, which looks at Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Portugal and Argentina, in addition to Switzerland, highlights the degree to which each country created its own definition of neutrality to survive and to prosper at a time when all the old rules had been thrown to the wind.

'Our report indicates the complexity of the notion of neutrality," said Stuart Eizenstat, undersecre-

tary of state for economic, business dinated the State Department research effort.

The standards for acceptable befate of looted Nazi gold, the role that havior by belligerents and neutral countries had been part of the European tradition for hundreds of years. of the war to German intimidation. But they offered little guidance to countries facing the blitzkrieg, legal

"The rules in place were designed for wars that were not crusades." said Detlev Vagts, an expert on international law at Harvard Law School. "The rules were designed Gordon Craig, a leading scholar of

German history and professor emeritus at Stanford University, said: When you come right down to it, what standards could be applied to lied bombing raids. the neutrals during that war? It was very difficult to be a small nation in a Europe dominated by Hitler."

And so those legal guidelines that ent," rather than a neutral. did exist were often simply dis-

and agricultural affairs, who coor- gressive in stretching the meaning of neutrality throughout the war, the report found. Surrounded by German forces in Norway, Denmark and Finland, Sweden was vulnerable throughout the first few years

> The Swedes allowed German troops to cross their neutral territory to join the German invasion of the Soviet Union, and also allowed 250,000 German troops to use the Swedish railroad system to travel between occupied Norway and Germany. The Swedish Navy provided escort service for German military supply ships, while Swedish industry helped the Germans make up for the losses suffered in their crit- could have been shortened by ical ball-bearing industry from Al-

Spain went even further, creating a new international status by declaring that it was a "nonbelliger-

Francisco Franco's fascist regime carded, or consistently violated, by intended the claim of nonbelliger-many of the neutrals. "It is clear that ence to signal that it was leaning ence to signal that it was leaning these countries were committing unneutral acts even by the standards of the times," Mr. Eizenstat said.

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Sweden was among the most ag- joining the Axis, Spain provided as many as 40,000 troops, supposedly volunteers, to fight on the Russian front alongside the Germans.

Spain also remained an important German source of wolfram ore, a mineral used in making tungsten, a very hard metal critical to the German industrial base, the report

The State Department report is most critical of the neutrals for their refusal to give up their trade and financial relationships with the Nazis late in the war, when Germany had long since lost its ability to threaten or intimidate. In many cases, the neutrals kept trading with the Germans until the end. "The war months or years if the neutrals had cut back on their trade with Germany by 1943," Mr. Eizenstat

What is more, the neutrals were reluctant after the war to give in to Allied demands to return looted gold

they had received from Germany. Still, the State Department report



Mr. Eizenstat, who led the inquiry of the neutral countries.

to divert attention from Switzerland's role in aiding the Nazis by showing that other countries did, too.

"If you are working at State, you want to not be seen as aiming all your arrows at Switzerland," said Sidney Zabludoff, an international economist who has written a study on Nazi gold sponsored by the World Jewish Congress. "I think because the report tried to be diplomatic and deal with a number of issues about neu-

Philippine Leader Says

Agence France-Presse

MANILA — The Philippine president-elect, Joseph Estrada, fathered 10 children with various women but maintains those born out of marriage should not be called illegitimate, a newspaper report said here Sunday.

"All told, Estrada has 10 children, eight boys and two girls. as of last count, "the Philippine Daily Inquirer reported. All of

the children's names start with the letter "J." Mr. Estrada treats his children equally, with each of them; and their respective mothers being provided for generously

and living in practically similar houses, the report said. The former movie actor's house "is also open to all his children." the newspaper added.

"There is no such thing as an illegitimate child," Mr. Estrada was quoted by the report as saying.

Mr. Estrada, who assumes office on June 30, married a doctor who left him in the late 1960s reportedly because of the, other women in his life and his flamboyant movie actor's life. She took their three children to the United States with her: He has admitted to having numerous illegitimate children

but will not disclose the total, and has said none of them would accuse him of being a deadbeat father. Mr. Estrada later reconciled with his wife Luisa in 1987,

shortly before he won a Senate seat. Aside from his wife, the other women in Mr. Estrada's life include three movie actresses, a film director's daughter and former student 20 years his junior.

The Presidential Security Group will provide the homes of Mr. Estrada's other families tight security befitting a presidential family. The families live near Mr. Estrada's home.

TRAVEL UPDATE

More Woes for Travelers in Greece

ATHENS (AP) - Strikes caused major delays Sunday for air travelers across Greece, and the country braced for eight-hour work stoppages Monday and Tuesday by rail workers who will also hold a 24-hour strike Wednesday.

A strike by civil aviation engineers caused flight delays of

up to six hours. The 48-hour strike was to end at midnight Sunday, but the engineers threatened to strike again in August. Olympic Airways canceled 10 domestic and international flights over the weekend because of a work-to-rule protest by flight attendants.

World Cup Slump at Paris Hotels

PARIS (Bloomberg) - The number of people staying in Paris hotels is expected to be lower this June than last year, with the

World Cup apparently deterring more people than it is amacting.

The Paris Tourism Office says there will be 5 to 10 percent fewer visitors during the June 10 to July 12 soccer finals. There were 1.2 million in that period last year, and 70 percent of rooms were taken. Hotels now are about 60 percent full most nights.

engineers ended a four-day strike.

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But U.S. Maker Warns of Side Effects

By Diana Jean Schemo

BOGOTA — Bowing to demands from Washington, the Colombian government has agreed to test a granular herbicide to kill coca crops, despite public warnings from the chemical's American manufacturer against its use in Colombia. In the United States, the herbicide, tebuthiuron, is used mostly to control weeds on railroad beds and under high-

voltage lines far away from food crops and people.

The Environmental Protection Agency requires a warning label on the chemical that says it could contaminate ground water, a side effect that Colombian environmental officials fear could prevent peasants from growing food where coca

once grew.
U.S. officials have decided to concentrate more heavily on treating illegal drug crops with chemicals, particularly in parts of southern Colombia under the control of leftist guerrillas. Those guerrillas have fired on aircraft attempting to spray

herbicides on coca crops.

American and Colombian police officials say that a granular herbicide will be more effective in the battle to control drugs. For four years, they have used a liquid toxin, glifosate, that has destroyed only 30 percent of the plants sprayed. Despite the effort, the amount of coca in Colombia has yet to decline, because eradication has prompted farmers to move and plant coca elsewhere. Last year, Colombia became the world's leading coca grower.

American and Colombian authorities also contend that tebuthiuron offers greater protection from gunfire for pilots, who must now fly low to furnigate in the early morning hours, when winds are calm and temperatures are lower. Tebuthiuron pellets can be dropped from higher altitudes in virtually any weather.

Washington has lobbied Andean governments to accept tebuthiuron for more than a decade, even though the chemical's manufacturer, Dow AgroSciences, a subsidiary of Dow

Chemical Co., strongly opposes its use in Colombia. "Tebuthiuron is not labeled for use on any crops in Colombia, and it is our desire that the product not be used for Tebuthiuron granules, sold commercially as Spike 20P, should be used "carefully and in controlled situations," Dow

coca eradication as well," the company said in a statement. cautioned, because "it can be very risky in simutions where terrain has slopes, rainfall is significant, desirable plants are nearby and application is made under less than ideal cir-cumstances." The warning is a rough description of con-



COLOMBIANS GO TO POLLS - Andres Pastrana, the Conservative Party presidential candidate, voting in Bogota on Sunday. Mr. Pastrana faces Horacio Serpa the Liberal Party in a runoff for the presidency.

ditions in Colombia's coca growing regions. Dow, which faced years of lawsuits and public protest over the use of its Agent Orange defoliant during the Vietnam war, said that if approached, it would refuse to sell tebuthiuron for use in Colombia. But U.S. officials note Dow's patent on the chemical has expired, allowing others to make it legally.

Critics in Colombia, including Eduardo Verano, the nation's environmental minister, say the health effects of tebuthiuron on farming areas are unknown, and its use will only increase deforestation by pushing coca growers deeper into forest.

The American ambassador to Colombia, Curtis Kamman, said, "For a net environmental positive effect, getting rid of coca is the best course for Colombia.'

Dr. Spock's Disputed 'Vegan' Legacy

NEW YORK - Dr. Benjamin Spock, arguably the most influential pediatrician of all time, has left children and their parents with a surprising and rather demanding legacy; advice that they stick to a vegetarian diet devoid of

all dairy products after the age of 2.

In the seventh edition of his worldfamous book, "Baby and Child Care," issued last month by Pocket Books just weeks after Dr. Spock's death at age 94. he recommends an approach

to childhood nutrition that many experts, including his co-author, Dr. Steven Parker, consider too extreme and likely to result in nutritional deficiencies unless it is carefully planned and executed. We now know that there

are harmful effects of a meaty diet," the book says. "Children can get plenty of protein and iron from vegetables, beans and other plant foods that avoid the fat and cholesterol that are in animal products." As for dairy foods, Dr. Spock says, "I no longer recom-mend dairy products after the age of 2 years. Other calcium sources offer many advantages that dairy products do not

Given the influence of the book, pediatricians and nutritionists have reacted with concern to Dr. Spock's new recommendations to raise children on an all-plant, so-called vegan diet. Throughout its 52-year history, "Baby and Child" Care has been the secondbest selling book next to the Bible. Overall, parents continue to rely heavily on Dr. Spock as an authoritative guide to raising children.

Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, a pediatrician specializing in child behavior at Boston City Hospital and a longtime admirer and friend of Dr. Spock, called his new recommendations "absolutely insane." "I don't agree with them at all," he said. "A vegetarian diet doesn't make any sense. Meat is an excellent source of the iron and protein children need, and to take milk away from children - I think that's really dangerous. Milk is needed for calcium and vitamin D."

Experts expressed concern about the ability of small children to consume calories and fat to sustain normal growth on an all-plant diet, as well as the diet's adequacy in supplying recommended amounts of such essential nutrients as calcium, riboflavin, vitamin D, iron and zinc and possibly even protein. They

Raising children on an all-plant diet 'would be like climbing Mount Everest.' It can be done but with a lot of planning and balancing of nutrients.

> also said that having to follow a vegetarian diet free of dairy products could place undue social pressures on children, few of whom like to be different from their friends.

'Raising children on an all-plant diet can be done, but it would be like climbing Mount Everest," said Dr. Michael Geor-giess, professor of pediatrics and child development at the University of Minnesota. "It would take an incredible amount of planning and balancing of nutrients." Dr. Georgiess, who wrote the chapter on vegetarian diets in the American Academy of Pediatrics nutrition handbook, said that a strictly vegetarian diet "involves very significant risks. It would probably provide only about 60 percent of a small child's calorie needs and maybe the same proportion of protein and would require supplementation with vitamin D, calcium, iron and zinc."

Starting with the first edition of his landmark book in 1946, Dr. Spock always included meat and milk products as part of a child's recommended diet. Dr. Spock's revisions of what had been

include small amounts of lean animal foods in children's diets - stemmed from a switch he himself made to an allplant diet in 1991, following a series of illnesses that left him weak and unable to walk unaided. His wife, Mary Morgan, said his health rebounded after he made the dietary change. He lost 50 pounds (22.7 kilograms), regained his ability to walk and became healthier overall and more energetic, she said.
"It enabled him to revise his book

before he died, which was his most important goal," she said.

Dr. Neal Barnard, presi-

dent of the Physicians for Responsible Medicine, a Washington-based organization that advocates strict vegetarian diets for everyone, said he had drafted the section on nutrition in the new edition of Dr. Spock's book, but that Dr. Spock had edited it to give it "his per-

sonal touch." Ms. Morgan said, "Ben had a hand in every part of the book" and that he was very committed" to the diet.

'It is not difficult at all to get complete nutrition on a vegan diet if it is supplemented with Vitamin D and B-12," Dr. Barnard said. He said dietrelated problems like obesity and atherosclerosis begin in childhood and ad-ded, "today's kids are in worse health

than ever before." But Dr. Parker, the book's co-author and an expert in behavioral pediatrics at Boston Medical Center, objected to the stringency of the dietary advice and suggested that parents at least be offered two alternatives. But Dr. Spock rejected this idea, stating in a letter to Dr. Parker that he wanted his book to be "in the forefront" of the growing awareness of the link between animal foods and disease.

As for dairy products, Dr. Spock wrote that some children are allergic to cow's milk and others have trouble di-

POLITICAL NOTES

House Majority Backs Campaign Reform Bill

WASHINGTON - A majority of the House, including 65 Republicans, has voted to protect a bipartisan campaign finance bill from a Republican leadership

effort to water it down by amendment.

The vote, 254 to 155, put Representatives Christopher Shays, Republican of Connecticut, and Martin Meehan, Democrat of Massachusetts, over only the first of many hurdles they will have to cross as they try to prevail in a free-for-all debate on campaign finance that is expected to last until August.

It indicated that a larger than expected number of Parublicans are likely to break

law governing campaign contributions and help shepherd it to passage.

The Shays-Mechan measure — and a companion bill in the Senate - have been fiercely opposed by top Republicans, who see it as an effort to cut into their party's traditional fund-raising advantage. It would effectively ban the large unregulated contributions to political parties that were at the heart of the 1996 campaign finance abuses and also curb independent advertising by interest groups.

IRS Measure Advances

WASHINGTON - Leaders of the two congressional tax-writing committees have reached agreement on major portions of a bill that would fundamentally overhaul the Internal Revenue Service and strengthen taxpayers' rights in dealing with the

The agreement retreats somewhat from costly positions taken by the Senate earlier,

and is expected to cost several billion dollars less than the \$18.3 billion 10-year cost of the Senate bill.

The chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, William Roth Jr., Republican of Delaware, said the measure would be "the most comprehensive reform" of the IRS.

Bill Archer, Republican of Texas, who is chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said decisions were not revenue-driven and in any case the "revenue loss was incidental" because the bill halts collection of money "we should not have been collecting in the first place." (WP)

Chung Divulges Names

WASHINGTON - Johnny Chung, a number of Republicans are likely to break former fund-raiser for the Democrats with Newt Gingrich, the speaker, and ultimately vote for their bill to overhaul the Democratic Party officials whose aggressive encouragement, his lawyer says, may have caused him to step over the line.

Mr. Chung has given detailed briefings about his conversations with party officials to federal investigators, his lawyer, Brian Sun, confirmed in an interview. Mr. Sun did not say who the officials were.

Mr. Chung has given federal investigators what Republicans said was the first hard evidence that China had planned to influence the 1996 presidential election.

Newt Gingrich, the House speaker, say-ing that Republicans will seek at least \$4

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billion in emergency spending to solve the millennium computer problem: "We believe that the Year 2000 computer problem is a lot bigger problem than the president and the administration has admitted. For all their talk about the Information Superhighway, Al Gore is presiding over a large wreck on Jan. 1. 2000."
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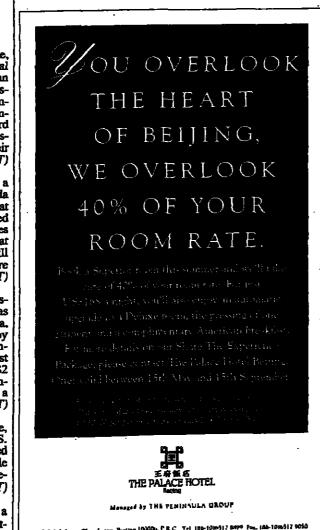
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 North Carolina, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) passed a resolution calling on the denomination's 2.6 million members to take steps toward removing handguns and assault weapons from their

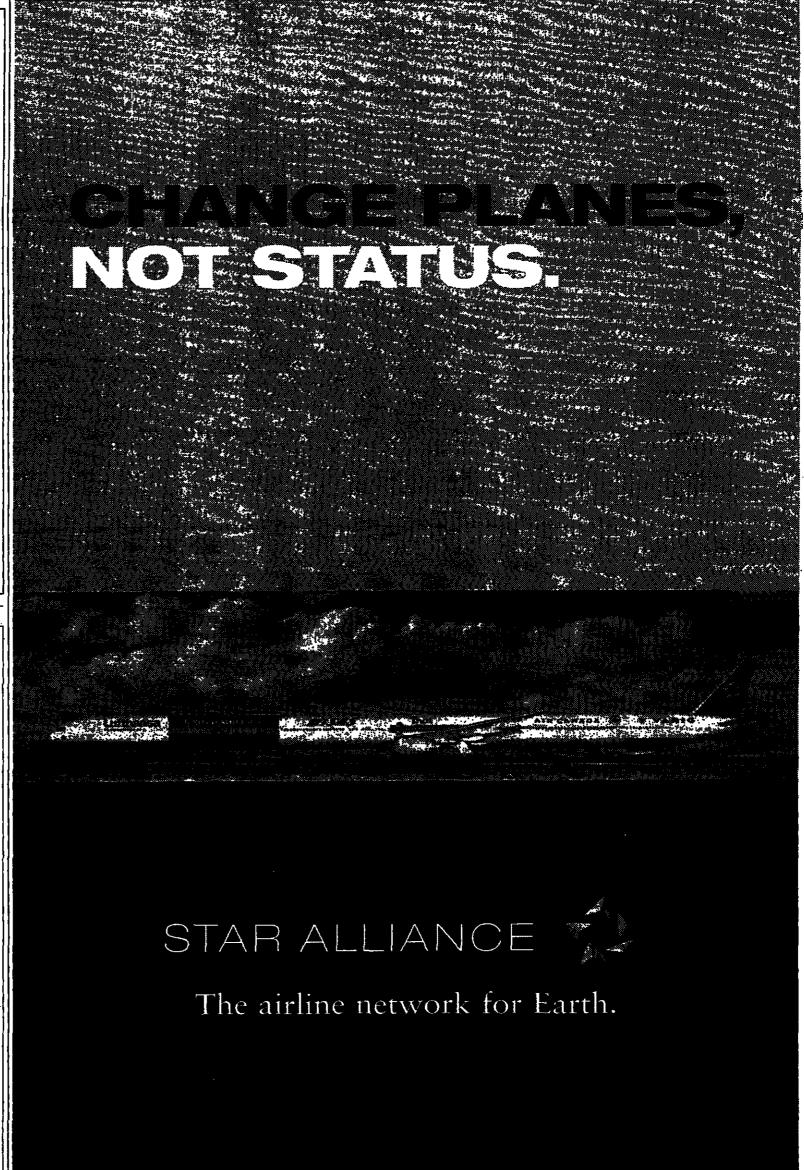
 With record heat and a prolonged drought, Florida has battled 137 wildfires that in three weeks have burned across more than 49,000 acres in 34 counties and injured at least 14 people. President Bill Clinton declared the entire state a disaster area. (NYT)

• One of the longest and nas-tiest family disputes has ended as a jury in Topeka, Kansas, blocked efforts by William Koch, of Koch Industries, one of the richest men in America, to get \$2 billion from two of his brothers who he said cheated in a business deal.

• Calling it too expensive, some of the biggest U.S. health insurers have decided not to pay for Viagra, the male impotence drug, under pre-scription drug plans. (NYT)

 \$1.1 million was paid for a gold Patek Philippe wristwatch at an auction in New York. Only three of its kind were made. It was believed to a record U.S. price. (NYT)





Surprise Outcome Gives Rightists Chance to Form Coalition

By Peter S. Green International Herald Tribute

PRAGUE - Shying away from a seats radical change, Czechs split their vote in weekend elections for a new Parliament, leaving Vaclav Klaus, and 24 seats. the former prime minister, unex-

The opposition Social Democrats 9 percent and 20 seats. emerged as the single largest party, but they are thought unlikely to be able to form a government.

If the three rightist parties can bury their differences, they could seats. hold a two-seat majority in the 200seat Chamber of Deputies, freezing out the left.

The result, however, leaves little prospect of a long-term stable gov-

The voting Sunday had come two years ahead of the election schedule, after Mr. Klaus's rightist coalition collapsed following charges that his Civic Democratic Party had accepted campaign contributions in exchange for favors in the country's post-Communist privatization pro-

Throughout its 18 months in power, Mr. Klaus's government was virtual hostage to the Christian key part of any rightist coalition

The Social Democrats finished first, with 32.3 percent of the vote ment.

and 74 seats. Mr. Klaus's Civic

In third place was the rump Communist Party, which took 11 percent

pectedly poised for a return to largely by farmers and devout Ro-dom Union's leader, Jan Ruml. "It man Catholics, finished fourth, with

down the government, finished in fifth place, with 8.6 percent and 19

No other parties managed to cross the 5-percent barrier needed to enter Parliament, including the nationalistic Republican Party, which held 18 seats in the last Parliament, and the Pensioners for a Secure Life, a party that polled nearly 10 percent in pre-election voter surveys.

"We have suffered a victory," the security affairs spokesman for the Social Democrats said, with de-

It is not considered likely that the Social Democrats will have to endure that pain of "victory" for very

Sources in the Prague Castle said that President Vaclav Havel would Democrats, who would again be a ask the leader of the Social Democrats. Milos Zeman, as head of the strongest party, to make the first endeavor to form a new govern-

But potential coalition partners Democratic Party (ODS) came in were already distancing themselves second, with 27.7 percent and 63 from the Social Democrats, quietly suggesting that they might be able to work with Mr. Klaus.

"Our platform is so different that we cannot form a coalition with the The Christian Democrats, backed Social Democrats," said the Freeis out of the question."

Echoing a view held by Mr. And the Freedom Union, whose Ruml, Finance Minister Ivan Pilip, a split from Mr. Klaus last fall brought deputy chairman of the Freedom Union, fell short of ruling out a coalition with Mr. Klaus. "It would be very difficult to

form a government with Mr. Klaus," he said. "The corruption scandals must be cleared up before we do any deal." The Christian Democrats' chair-

man, Josef Lux, said he could work with Mr. Zeman's Social Democrats and could probably agree on a common program.

But he indicated that he might be prepared to join with the ODS provided Mr. Klaus behaved less "arrogantly," as he put it, and if the ODS would be prepared to change some of its positions.

Despite long-standing differences with Mr. Klaus over key economic issues such as bank privatization, subsidies and tariffs to help farmers, he, too, refused to rule out a coalition with Mr. Klaus.

Mr. Klaus was relishing his prospective comeback.



Milos Zeman, right, Social Democrats' leader, meeting Josef Lux, head of the Christian Democrats, on Sunday to discuss vote.

"They have to choose if they want a rightist ox a leftist government. They have to choose, not voted for a lesser evil," wrote the ment. They have to choose, not

The Czech Republic is the only country in post-Communist Europe daily, warned in an editorial that where the right has ruled without a unless the Social Democrats formed break since the fall of communism nearly a decade ago.

But despite widespread popular

discontent with the Thatcher-like economic policies of Mr. Klaus, falling living standards and the corruption and mismanagement that marred his rule, the Czechs apparently decided not to take a chance.

"With their wild rhetoric, intimidating people with the possible in- tions.

Asked if he was prepared to step aside from the prime ministership to cement a rightist coalition, Mr. Klaus indicated there would be no ODS-led government without him. thousands of people who were really newspaper Mlada Fronta Dnes.

Lidove Noviny, the intellectual daily, warned in an editorial that a government, they would be forced to take more radical positions.

If Mr. Klaus's ODS ended up returning to power, it added, without having been censured by the voters for corruption and failures of the country's economic transformation, "it could develop the impression that it can do what it wants without bearing any responsibility for its ac-

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Iran Condemns Assassination

BAGHDAD - Iraq has blamed the killing of a visiting franian cleric in southern Iraq on foreign elements, newspapers reported Sunday.

Îran, meanwhile, summoned Iraq's chargé d'affaires in Tehran to protest Thursday's assassination of Ayatollah Mirza Ali Gharavi and warned it could have negative impact on relations between the two countries. (AP)

U.S.-Mexico Tensions Ease

MORELIA, Mexico - Mexican and U.S. lawmakers agreed over the weekend to work on smoothing over recent rough spots in their bilateral relationship.

The Mexicans retreated from sharp criticism of perceived U.S. interference after lecturing their counterparts at the opening of this bilateral encounter on respecting Mexico's sovereignty. Tensions rose last month after a U.S. sting operation in which dozens of Mexican bank officials were charged with money laundering. (Remers)

Brazilian Plays Soccer Card

BRASILIA — President Fernando Henrique Cardoso of Brazil tapped the country's World Cup success to

launch a feel-good campaign for re-election.

Almost drowning in a sea of Brazil's national green and yellow colors. Mr. Cardoso's Brazil Social Democratic Party officially announced his candidacy at a raucous. American-style convention here on Saturday. (Reulers)

For the Record

Voters in the West African country of Togo went to the polis Sunday for the first round of elections expected to be dominated by President Gnassigbe Eyadema. (AP)

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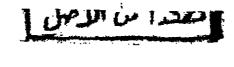
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Business Leaders Agree on Shadow Cabinet

By David Hoffman Washington Post Service

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MOSCOW - Russia's powerful business tycoons, after a year of bitter conflict to gain riches and property. have set aside their differences and offered to form what would in effect be a shadow cabinet for the beleaguered Russian government.

The hope is to avert devaluation of the ruble.

At a forest retreat here once favored by Stalin, the magnates gathered twice in recent days to meet with Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko. Only a few weeks ago, the new prime minister was promising to keep his distance from the business tycoons, who are looked upon as a Russian financial oligarchy. At the most recent meeting, held

A stid Cup sky, still Straid Description Thursday evening, the economic po-tentates presented Mr. Kiriyenko with a plan to create a council to help him cope with the crisis.

They would pay the salaries of the council's staff members and would sit on the council, along with some of the government's top economic policy-

A newspaper editor, Mikhail Berger, whose paper is owned by one of the tycoons, Vladimir Gusinsky, said the powerful figures risked becoming a third government," after the branches under President Boris Yeltsin and Prime Minister Kiriyenko.

The plan drew a receptive nod from Mr. Kiriyenko, but Mr. Yeltsin has not yet indicated whether he would approve

A similar operation was established by seven of the businessmen in 1996 to engineer President Yeltsin's re-election campaign to win over the Communist Party leader, Gennadi Zyuganov. They spent many millions to set up a staff, then headed by Anatoli Chubais, to supervise the Yeltsin campaign.

Mr. Chubais, who for six years has been the lightning rod in Russia for a controversy over liberal economic reforms, has been recruited again, this time as Mr. Yeltsin's envoy to international financial institutions.

But Mr. Chubais has also sought to ioin the oligarchs' club, as chief executive of Unified Energy Systems, the electricity monopoly.

The financiers benefited handsomely from the sell-off of state property in the last few years, and critics say the Russian economic leaders are already too

close to the seat of power. But the latest financial turmoil appears to be suffi-ciently worrisome that much of last year's debate about robber-baron capitalism, and the marriage of politics and money, has been muted in recent

At the center of concern is the prospect of a devaluation of the ruble.

Mr. Yeltsin and his government have steadfastly insisted they will not devalue the currency, and they appealed to the international financial community for \$10 billion to \$15 billion to help bolster Russia's depleted reserves. "We are still on our feet," Mr.

Yeltsin said at week's end during a visit to the Kostroma region. "The ruble is holding out, but is at its limit."

Part of the pressure on the ruble is the flight of investors from Russia and other emerging markets after the Asian financial crisis began in October. The lack of investor confidence has forced the government to offer ever-higher interest rates on short-term debt and has blown a huge hole in Russia's already tattered public finances.

Russia flirted with the idea of an international bailout, but Mr. Chubais then made an appeal. A high-level delegation from the International Monetary Fund is due in Russia shortly.

The chief fears about devaluation are that it would lead to panic, hyperinflation, a return to uncontrolled fiscal and monetary policy and a collapse of

the Russian banking system.

The ruble is now set at about six to the dollar, and some analysts have said it is inevitably headed for a 30 to 40 percent devaluation.

It would help exporters, especially Russia's beleaguered oil companies. Four of the current group of 11 business leaders — Vagit Alekperov of Lukoil; Mikhail Khodorkovsky of Rosprom-Yukos; Rem Vyakhirev of Gazprom, and Vladimir Bogdanov of Surgutneftegaz - are primarily in the oil and

The group also includes Mr. Chubais, Mr. Gusinsky, who is head of Media-MOST; Alexander Smolensky of SBS-Agro, a banking group; Boris Berezovsky, an auto, airline, oil and media magnate who is also executive secretary of the Commonwealth of Independent States; Mikhail Friedman of Alfa Group, a banking and industrial conglomerate; Vladimir Potanin, head of the Interros group, and Vitali Malkin of the Russian Credit Bank.



One of many cars damaged in Moscow when hundreds of trees were uprooted by wind.

6 Die as Wild Storm Batters Moscow

By Daniel Williams

Washington Post Service MOSCOW — Hurricane-force winds

knocked down hundreds of trees and toppled billboards and kiosks during a brief, violent storm during the night that left six city residents

The unusually violent winds followed a week of hot weather in Moscow, and no one could remember the last time such a storm raked the

Some of the fallen trees were decades old. The botanical face of the city was changed in the space of half an hour.

debris. As they worked in city parks, they un- service.

covered at least two bodies crushed by trees. Reports said that other victims were electrocuted

by fallen power lines and flying debris.

Trees inside and along the red walls of the Kremlin snapped in two. Along Novy Arbat boulevard, a major commercial thoroughfare, giant signs commemorating last year's 850th anniversary of the city crushed outdoor cales.

"The damage is huge and it will take more than a day or two to return to normal," a statement from city hall said.

In the aftermath of the disaster, Mayor Yuri Luzhkov, played a popularist card. He said the city would pay to repair the damage done to Police and army crews rushed to clear the can repair their own cars," he told Interfax news

Ethnic Clashes Spread Across Kosovo

Agence France-Presse

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — A Serb was killed Sunday during clashes in Kosovo, and both Serbian and Albanian sources reported outbreaks of shooting in various parts of the tense province. Oliver Zajic, 18, died of wounds after fighting between Albanians and Serbs in the center of Kosovo, near Klina, the Serbian Information Center said bere.

Earlier Sunday, the center reported that armed Albanians had attacked Serbs' houses and a police

in the central village of Jelovac and a police station dependence for Kosovo.

in the village of Rudnik, the Serbs' information service said.

On Sunday morning, a group of Albanians with guns attacked villages in the central region around Kijevo, where about 60 Serbian families live, the center added.

It did not report casualties in these attacks, but it noted that two Serbs were missing after the attack in Jelovac.

Albanian sources said clashes were continuing Sunday in the west and south of the province, which is torn by conflict between Serbian security Two attacks Saturday targeted houses of Serbs troops and ethnic Albanians seeking to win in-

Pontiff Rebukes **Austrian Bishops**

VIENNA — Pope John Paul II fired parting shots Sunday at his quarreling Austrian bishops, but steered clear of directly addressing a sex scandal and dampened any hopes he would change his positions on church policy.

The country's primate, Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn,

acknowledged that the conflicts buffeting the Austrian church have caused some people to lose confidence in the Pope and the bishops."

"All this calls for a change of ways, forgiveness, re-conciliation and renewal," Cardinal Schoenborn said in wel-coming the Pope at his final Mass in Austria.

A smaller-than-expected crowd of about 50,000 people turned out in the Heldenplatz, or Heroes' Square. John Paul beatified three people, including a nun, Sister

Restituta Kafka, who was ar-rested by the Gestapo for putting up crosses in a hospital. She was beheaded in 1943. Beatification is the last step

himself does not before possible sainthood. realize the project The three-day visit, John Paul's third to Austria, was of Christ. aimed at calming the waters in this traditional Catholic

bastion that has been rocked by accusations that a cardinal sexually abused young boys, divisions among bishops and demands for reform signed by a half-million Austrians.

'A bishop by

John Paul issued his verdict in a private meeting of Austrian bishops following Sunday's Mass. The Vatican released the

"A bishop by himself does not realize the project of Christ," the Pope said in a clear reference to Bishop Kurt Krenn, a conservative who has angered many by his staunch support for Cardinal Hans Hermann Groer. The cardinal was forced by the Vatican to relinquish his duties following accusations of pedophilia.

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The Pope also scolded the bishops for going public with their conflicts, saying that "like every house that has special rooms that are not open to all guests," the church, too, needs "rooms for talks that require privacy."

In his only possible reference during the trip to the Groer case, the Pope said he knew his bishops had been "put through trials of various types" and that they were "particularly present" in his prayers.

The Pope made no mention of demands that the Vatican drop its celibacy requirement for priests and allow women into

Speaking Saturday to a group of Austrian officials and dignitaries that included former President Kurt Waldheim, the pontiff said that European Christians had a moral obligation to fully reconcile with the Jews.

We cannot forget that the history of Europe is tightly entwined with the history of the people from whence came our Lord, Jesus," the Pope said. "Unspeakable suffering was inflicted on the Jewish people in Europe, and we cannot affirm that all the roots of this injustice have been eradicated Reconciliation with the Jews is one of the most fundam duties of Christians in Europe."

As he did with all the other guests, the Pope afterward shook Mr. Waldheim's hand and said a few words.

Historians and researchers have accused Mr. Waldheim, 79. of complicity in war crimes in the Balkans while he served as an officer in the German Army during World War II. Mr. Waldheim denies the accusations.

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Prodi Faces Test on NATO Vote

ROME — Italy's lower house of Parliament starts a debate Monday on NATO enlargement with the government haunted by the prospect its fragile majority could crumble when the issue is put to a vote.

Prime Minister Romano Prodi had been relying on centrists to approve the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's eastward expansion after the hard-left Communist Refoundation, which ensures the government's lower house majority, said it was determined to vote against.

But the new centrist UDR bloc, led by former President Francesco Cossiga and composed of former opposition members, is now warning that its support for the admission of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic is not a fait ac-

-compli. "Our 'yes' on the NATO vote cannot be taken for granted," a UDR official, Clemente Mastella, said Sunday, turning on its head the UDR's assertion earlier this month that it would vote for ratification of the treaty to let the three countries into

Officials Die in Grozny Shooting

GROZNY, Russia — The security chief of Russia's break-away region of Chechnya and the chief of staff of a splinter group were killed in the capital Grozny in mysterious circumstances Sunday, news agencies reported.

Itar-Tass news agency quoted the Chechen Interior Ministry as saying that Lechi Khultygov and Vakha Dzhafarov, a commander of forces loyal to the maverick field commander, Salman Radnyev, had been shot dead in central Grozny "while executing their duties."

Interfax news agency carried a similar story sourced to the spokesman of the Chechen president, Aslan Maskhadov. Neither of the agencies gave any details.

Earlier Sunday, Mr. Raduyev, who advocates a tougher line than Mr. Maskhadov in dealing with Moscow, publicly accused him of involvement in the death of former Chechen leader, Dzhokar Dudayev, who died in a Russian rocket attack

Mr. Raduyev, whose own television station was switched off by Mr. Maskhadov last week, took several hundreds of his armed supporters to central Grozny demanding air time on the government-controlled channel.

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300 Neo-Nazis In Jobs Protest

BERLIN - With the antiforeigner slogan "Jobs for Germans first," about 300 neo-Nazis rallied against unemployment at a housing project in eastern Berlin.
Police reported no violence

in the protest in the Hellersdorf neighborhood Saturday by the extreme-right National Democratic Party of Germany. About 200 leftists gathered in Hellersdorf as well in a counterdemonstra-tion. (AP)

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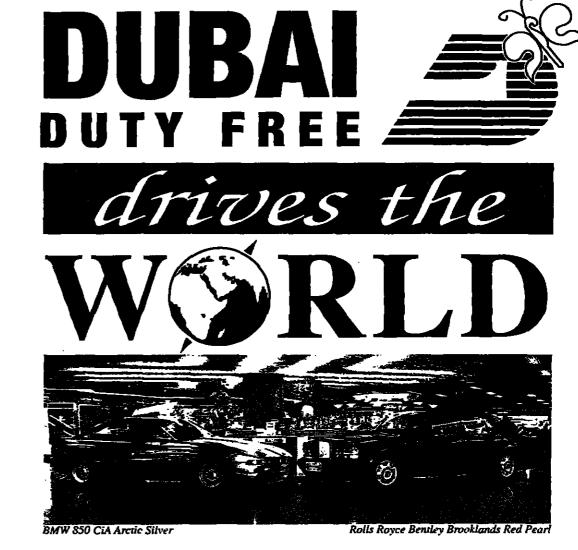
Several Parliamentary members of the Greens, a key part of the center-left challenge to Chancellor Helmut Kohl, urged their leader, Jurgen Trittin, to resign Sunday for jeopardizing the party's election chances with an outspoken artack on the army. (Reuters)

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MELBOURNE' - Battered by changes they cannot control, including fears of being swamped by Asian migrants fleeing the region's economic crisis and Asian imports made irresistibly cheap by currency depreciation, Australians are turning to a far-right political party in such large numbers that it could upset the country's policy of further liberalizing its economy and moving closer to Asia, officials and analysts say.

The far-right party, One Nation, is led by Pauline Hanson, an independent member of Australia's federal Parliament, who advocates curbs on Asian immigration and the imposition of tariffs to protect industries and jobs from import competition.

The party stunned the Australian political establishment and alarmed Asia when it won 23 percent of the vote in recent state elections in Queensland in its first appearance at the polls since it was launched in April 1997.

One Nation has even greater support in the state of Western Australia than in Queensland, a newspaper public opinion survey showed Sunday. Analysts are warning that it could emerge as a powerful third force in Australian politics alongside the conservative Liberal and National Parties, which form the governing federal coalition, and the opposition Labour Party.

The coalition headed by Prime Min-

early general election before the end of the year because if he waits until his term ends in mid-1999, the government could lose as the full impact of East Asia's economic and financial meltdown hits Australia, which sells 60 percent of its exports to the region.

Officials of China, Malaysia and Thailand warned last week that if One Nation continued to gain support, it could increase anti-Asian sentiment in the country, driving a wedge between Australia and the region and further damaging the climate for trade and investment

Mr. Howard, who has been widely criticized in Australia and Asia for being too slow to repudiate Ms. Hanson's populist program, sought on Sunday to hmit the damage by announcing that he would put One Nation last in his Sydney electorate on how-to-vote cards. They largely determine how Liberals and members of other major parties cast their ballots in Australia's preferential

voting system.

Nearly all parliamentary candidates and branches of the governing parties are expected to follow Mr. Howard's lead. Officials also said that the government would step up its attack on Ms. Hanson and her party when the federal Parliament resumes Monday. Foreign Minister Alexander Downer,

who recently returned from a visit to Southeast Asia, where he sought to calm concerns over One Nation's rise to prominence, said that although "the The coalition headed by Prime Min-ister John Howard is expected to call an along with the sort of nonsense that



Pauline Hanson campaigning in Australia for her party, One Nation.

Pauline Hanson produces," it was important for the government to set out clearly why "our engagement with Asia is in Australia's best interests."

Mr. Howard said that exports and foreign investment created jobs in Australia. "Open markets are a two-way street," he said. "We can't close ours and expect others to keep theirs

The governing coalition advised voters to put One Nation ahead of Labour in the recent Queensland elections.

which helped Ms. Hanson's party win 11 seats in the state Parliament.

Asked on Sunday why he had now decided to put One Nation last in his

party's preferences, Mr. Howard said that minorities were telling him that they were being made to feel unwel-come in Australia.

"For the first time, I've actually heard over the last couple of weeks people of Asian descent who've lived in this country for a very long time say they feel a little bit unwelcome," he said.

in the 1980s.

about 80,000 for the year to June 1999.
"I believe we are in danger of being swamped by Asians," Ms. Hanson said in her first speech in Parliament in 1996. "They have their own culture and religion, form ghettos and do not assim-One Nation blames the erosion of living standards of many less-affluent

One Nation links Australia's high unemployment - 8.1 percent in May -

with a sharp rise in Asian immigration

Asian-born Australians still make up

barely 5 percent of the country's 18

million population but Ms. Hanson em-

phasizes that Asians now make up about

40 percent of Australia's annual im-

migration, officially planned to total

Australians, especially those living on farms or in country towns, on government policies since the 1980s to deregulate the economy and make it more competitive, cut import tariffs and develop closer trade ties with Asia at the cost of links with Western countries, including Britain and Europe, where most Australians trace their roots.

The Sunday Times of Perth said that its survey showed One Nation's support running at 25 percent across that city's metropolitan area.

It said that backing for the party, which wants a halt to immigration until unemployment falls, an end to special assistance to Australia's aboriginal minority, cheap loans to farmers and small business, tariff protection and restrictions on foreign ownership, had surged to 45 percent in the Perth seat of Brand. That is enough to topple the incumbent member, the Federal Labour

leader, Kim Beazley.
Mr. Beazley criticized Mr. Howard's government on Sunday, saying that it did "too little, too late" to counter One Nation's appeal, but adding that he ex-pected its support in his electorate and across the country to diminish as the general election approached.

'It won't take long for people to realize that Pauline Hanson and her party have no solutions to problems,'

But other analysts said that One Nation appeared to be tapping a deep vein of public discontent in Australia about the consequences of economic liberalization and the Asian crisis and about the failure of the major parties to deal with these concerns.

"The One Nation vote is essentially a protest by low-income city and country employees left behind as the gap between the well-off and the struggling increases," said John Edwards, chief economist for Australia in the Sydney office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank group.

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JAMMU, India -- Indian paramilitary soldiers combed the forests in Jammu and Kashmir state on Sunday in an effort to track down gunmen who massacred 25 men at a Hindu wedding party on

Three battalions of a crack counter-insurgency force were rushed to the mountainous Doda region where the killings occurred.

Witnesses said five gummen separated the men from the women at the wedding party at gunpoint and demanded money. Later they opened indiscriminate fire on the men. No group has claimed respon-sibility for the massacre, which is the third this year. (Reuters)

Sukarno's Family Seeks to Clear Him

BLITAR, Indonesia — The family of Sukarno, Indonesia's founding president, has called for his name to be cleared on the 28th anniversary of his death under house arrest as a political prisoner.

In yet another grievance being given a fresh and public hearing after the fall of former President Suharto last month, one of Mr. Sukarno's daughters, Rachmawati Sukarnoputri, told thousands gathered Saturday night at his remote grave site in this East Java town that her father died a political prisoner and she would endeavor to restore his good name.

"Up to now, the laws which held him as a political prisoner have yet to be revoked," she told the crowd. This he against my father is worse. than murder. My father is nothing less than a leader of this country." (Reuters)

For the Record

Five senior Khmer Ronge officials whose defections this month crippled the intellectual base of the movement urged in Phnom Penh Sunday that the guerrillas' brutal past be forgotten. The officials sidestepped all questions at a news conference relating to atrocities in Cambodia committed during the Pol Pot regime. (AFP)

Imprisoned East Timor Rebel Leader Rejects Offer of Release

JAKARTA — An imprisoned rebel chief from East Timor rejected on Sun-day an offer from the Indonesian president for his release in exchange for worldwide recognition of the disputed territory as part of Indonesia.

"In principle, I don't agree," the separatist rebel commander, Jose Xanana Gusmao, said in Cipinang prison in Jakarta, where he is serving a 20year sentence for fighting Indonesian

Mr. Gusmao briefly commented on the proposal by President B. J. Habibie in response to a question from a reporter who entered the prison during visiting The rebel leader, who is revered by many East Timorese, says that the former Portuguese colony should be al-

lowed to decide in a referendum if it

wants independence.

Portugal and other East Timorese advocates of a vote on self-determination also criticized Mr. Habibie's proposal to end the conflict in the territory.

Indonesia invaded East Timor in

1975 and annexed it a year later. Tens of thousands of people died in fighting and ensuing famine and disease. The United Nations still recognizes Portugal as East Timor's administering power, and Indonesia still faces armed opposition to

Mr. Habibie, who took office last month, said Saturday that he would free Mr. Gusmao, withdraw thousands of Indonesian troops from East Timor and grant it special status and development unding. Under Mr. Habibie's proposal, the United Nations, Portugal and the world community would then accept East Timor as Indonesia's 27th

But Mr. Gusmao, who was captured

and tried in 1992, says that offers of must understand. Only a referendum autonomy for East Timor are not

On Saturday, at a celebration of his 52d birthday with friends, activists and other political prisoners, he said: "I think the problem of autonomy is not a relevant problem because autonomy is just a consequence of integration, and it is not an alternative solution."

The authorities refused to let journalists enter the prison Saturday, and friends of Mr. Gusmao's recorded his remarks as well as the birthday celebration on videotape.

Mr. Gusmao said: "The solution of

the problem must be in the framework of the United Nations and a just and free process where the East Timorese people can choose their destiny.

"There won't be a solution without a referendum," he said. "This is something the Indonesian government

will guarantee a solution that is just, as well as a stable and lasting peace."

Mr. Gusmao was visited last week by

the Jakarta-appointed governor of East Timor, and they are believed to have discussed the new Indonesian initiative, but the former guerrilla leader did not refer to the meeting.

The rebel leader blamed the Indone-

sian armed forces, known as ABRI, for being behind Mr. Habibie's stance.

"I think the problem of East Timor is tounded on the attitude of ABRI," he said. "The reforms in Indonesia are slow forward steps like a turtle because of reactionary forces. The same reactionary forces that are in ABRI.

'The problem of East Timor is also affected by these reactionary forces in ABRI who don't want to accept a just international solution," Mr. Gusmao (AP, Reuters)

The History of Paradise on Earth

THIS interesting if somewhat over-

I wrought book claims to tell, "grain by grain," the story of "the transfor-

mation of the beach from an alien, in-

accessible and hostile wilderness devoted to conquest, commerce, exploration and

the primal customs of tribal cultures, into

a thriving, civilized, pleasure- and recreation-oriented outpost of Western life

where so many sybaritic impulses of cul-

ture have been indelibly concentrated."

Like much of Lena Lencek and Gideon

Bosker's prose, that is a mouthful, but it is

also an accurate summary of what they

As with so much else committed by

academics these days in the name of "popular culture," "The Beach" makes too much of too little. The as-

sumption that everything is blessed (or

cursed) with Larger Meanings is fun-

damental to cultural commentary, and

practitioners of such always look for

meanings even when they are not there.

Thus we have in this book a great deal of nattering along the lines of "the story of

the beach is also the story of power and

conquest," or "the beach is at once

escape valve and inspiration, symbol and playground," or "it invites watch-

ers to unearth not only the dominant,

culturally elite themes of a period, but

its popular sensibilities." The best

counsel is to read through this malarkey

and concentrate on the authors' re-

search, which is thorough, careful and

unfailingly informative.

What Lencek and Bosker are here to

tell us is that the beach wasn't always

the beach. We take it for granted, and

think of it only in terms of travel ar-

rangements, cottage or motel reserva-

tions, suntan lotion and swimwear. It

doesn't occur to us --- why should it? ---

that the beach has a long history, much

accomplish in "The Beach."

By Lena Lencek and Gideon Bosker.

Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley

310 pages. \$25.95. Viking.

THE BEACH:

BOOKS

of which bears no resemblance to the place we know now. What we regard without reflection as an idyllic vacation spot, made for relaxation and healthy exercise, was seen in earlier times as a source of shipwrecks, drownings and danger, the location of bloody battles and the hiding place of evil spirits.

To most ancient cultures the beach was "both a life force and, for centuries, an unpredictable geological zone that bred fear and loathing among the na-tives." It took the Greeks and Romans to discover the salutary effects of bathing and swimming, to find in the sea "the lifeblood of civilized pleasures." Though these pleasures were rejected during the Dark Ages, when "water's moral and hygienic prestige" was among the many victims of the plagues, they established the precedent for modem attitudes toward the beach.

Over the centuries many influences combined to alter popular attitudes, at least so Lencek and Bosker persuasively argue. Among these were the Grand Tour, which introduced the wealthy to the exotic delights of Pacific islands; souvenir collecting, which made shells and other relics of the shore desirable possessions; Romantic poetry and Impressionist art, in both of which the sea and seashore had "potent spiritual and aesthetic dimensions"; the invention of railroads, automobiles and other forms of transportation that made distant beaches accessible to city dwellers, and the evolution of swimwear from heavy, clammy garments that discouraged immersion in the water to sleek, minimalist ones that made swimming easy as well as emphasized the strong sexual underiones of sand, water and sun.

Lencek and Bosker comprehensively detail the history of seaside resorts, beginning with the great English beaches Bath and Brighton most famously and continuing through Normandy and the Riviera, Hawaii and the Pacific, New Jersey, Florida and California.

Though the authors tend, like Shelley and Keats, toward a romantic view of

the beach, they do not ffinch from describing the worst hours in its history, which occurred during World War II: "The names of some of the most beantiful beaches of the world - Dieppe, Anzio, Normandy, Salerno, the Solomons, Leyte Gulf, Iwo Jima — could never again be uttered without resonating with gunfire and the moans of the dying. In their devastation and menace, the violence staged by war would indeed recreate the horrifying visions of beach-as-hell whose full measure had already been taken in the Bible." As the point of transition from sea to land, and vice versa, the beach has as much potential for horror as for pleasure.

But it is for the latter that we go to the beach, and it is as symbol of pleasure that the beach has acquired a significant role in popular mythology. Nowhere is this truer than in the movies, from Deborah Kerr and Burt Lancaster passionately kissing in "From Here to Eternity" to Esther Williams dancing her innumerable water ballets to Annette Funicello and Frankie Avalon doing their "Bikini Beach" routines. As the authors write, in a passage that illustrates the excesses to which their prose too often runs:

"With their teen-o-centric thematics and adult-o-phobic polarization of char-acters, Hollywood's rocking beach reels helped establish the world of youth as a separate culture of innocent hedonism, a paradise of noble savages whose naïveté and ingenuousness were a shield against the cynicism, complacency and materialism of their elders. With their sanitized romance, mild personal eccentricities and never-never land of bourgeois youth, these films were precursors to such 1990s TV dramas as 'Baywatch,' and tingled the nerves of pubescent viewers who saw the beach as a safe haven where mundane social intercourse was set in comic opposition to muffled erotic impulses." There they go again: Larger Meanings! Never mind. Despite its authors' worst intentions, "The Beach" is a good book.

Washington Post Service

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

A T the annual U.J.A. Federation Charity Game Tom Smith of Greenwich. Conneticut, was playing with diamond jack rather than Cynthia Colin of Manhattan. Innessing. The ending is and they scored 67 percent capturing the title. Runnersup were Bob Blanchard and Harold Greenberg of Rye. New York. This was a matchpoint event, so overtricks were crucial as the diagramed deal demonstrates. At nearly A 8 all tables, South opened two 0395 no-trump and reached three 0 no-trump after North had 4looked for a major-suit fit

with a Stayman response. There was no difficulty in making the contract. The issue was whether South would

When Colin was South, she with a heart, forcing East to South could counter by leadreceived a heart lead and won lead from the spade king, and the queen with the ace. She collecting most of the match then cashed eight minor-suit points. winners, guessing to drop the diamond jack rather than helped East to discard the

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heart king, for South would have led a heart to establish dummy's 10. There was a similar pos-

sibility at other tables after a spade lead, although the defense had a theoretical chance of saving the extra trick. After South took the spade ace and cashed the minor-suit winners, the play of the ace and another heart endplayed East and allowed the spade queen to score.

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In this variation, East can
3 ° hardly be blamed for failing to discard a heart honor on the

emerge with 10 tricks or 11. shown at left. South exited fourth club. And if he did, ing a low heart instead of

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Get Moving, Japan

been meeting in Tokyo with a sense of urgency that was lacking for most of this decade as Japan refused to deal with its banking crisis. Now Japan has promised prompt action, and has earmarked money to do the job. What is unclear is whether the Japanese authorities are able to act decisively.

Action is essential because Japan is in the midst of a severe credit crunch as shaky banks try to avoid new losses by avoiding almost all loans. That has put a stranglehold on the economy, deepening Japan's recession and mak-ing the bad-loan problem even more

It is hard to imagine a worse time for Japan to be in recession. The problems of developing countries in Asia remain severe, and are hurting others.

Asian countries, unable to afford things, have slashed their imports, and American exports are falling. The developing countries, confronted with their own weak banks and debt-ridden companies, will have a hard enough time recovering even if Japan does get moving and resume buying their products. Without a Japanese recovery, it is easy to understand why World

International financial officials have Bank officials have started talking about an Asian depression.

ington to support the yen set off rallies in financial markets around the world last week, but they quickly faded as investors looked for action, not words. Japan needs to determine which banks are insolvent and close them, while protecting depositors.

At the same time, it needs to bail out economy can recover.

Unfortunately, work on sorting out which banks should be saved seems to have not yet begun. It is up to foreign officials to persuade Japanese officials to live up to their pledge, and to offer them all the assistance they need.

There is no guarantee that the rest of Asia will recover soon even if Japan starts growing again and keeps its currency from collapsing. But the chances of that happening will be far greater if Japan deals with its problems decisively and quickly.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Still Stalling in Iraq

Nations inspectors had agreed on a two-month "road map" toward compliance on weapons inspections prompted some optimism that a standoff which has lasted as long as this decade might be nearing an end. That, at least, was the impression that Iraqi officials were eager to convey — that soon there would be no conceivable pretext for the United Nations to continue its sanctions against Iraq.

But a more detailed report from the chief United Nations weapons inspec-tor, the Australian diplomat Richard Butler, then revealed a more familiar and discouraging story: that Iraq remains far from compliance.

After invading Kuwait and being defeated in a subsequent war by a U.S.-led alliance, Iraq promised, as a condition of cease-fire, to rid itself of all nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. Instead of fulfilling that promise, however, the Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein has compiled a record of deceit and obfuscation in his attempt to hold on to as much of his arsenal as possible.

Iraq's pattern has been to deny possession of any weapons of mass destruction until caught, then to admit to only as much as the United Nations' dogged inspectors have uncovered and swear that this time it is really

Ambassador Butler went to Baghdad most recently in hopes of putting

appeals court upheld her manslaughter

conviction in the death of 8-month-old

Matthew Eappen, arrived home in

England on Thursday and in her first

public utterance complained that she

had not received a fair trial. Blaming

"atrocious pretrial publicity," she

called on "the medical community" to clear her of any involvement in the

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that she has a right to maintain her

innocence. That granted, it would still

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herself as the victim in this sad affair,

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the British press's mixed reaction to

her return and in the muted behavior of

once fervid admirers in her home vil-

lage of Elton. In sharp contrast to their

champagne-cork-popping revelry

when the murder conviction was set

aside, they declined to turn out for her

return or to say anything too enthu-siastic to the press. "We've not for-

gotten that a baby died," said the pro-

prietor of the bar where celebratory

Far from suffering unfairly, Miss

Woodward might plausibly be said to

have received extraordinary leniency

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That realization seemed reflected in

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Intervention by Tokyo and Wash-

the remaining institutions that can make it with help. Then those banks can start lending again and, with the help of an aggressive package of gov-ernment spending and tax cuts, Japan's

Iraq seems to have fastened onto the

"quickly" but not the part about co-operation. Mr. Butler said Iraq agreed to provide information on some weapons but not on others. He en-countered a stone wall, for example, on the question of biological weapons. But Iraq cannot be allowed to pick and choose its areas of cooperation.

Iraq's compliance, or lack thereof, is scheduled for October. Iraq will push hard to be declared in the clear, and some countries, more concerned with commercial prospects than with global safety or UN credibility, can be ex-

Revive the Drive Against Nuclear Weapons Now

By David Andrews and Lena Hjelm-Wallen The writers are the Irish and Swedish foreign ministers.

S TOCKHOLM — After a decade of great promise in the field of nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation, the specter of nuclear weapons is again at the center of attention. The nuclear of the United Nations has entered into disarmament process now urgently needs a new and forceful impetus. This is why we, together with the

foreign ministers of Brazil, Egypt, Mexico, New Zealand, Slovenia and South Africa, have addressed ourselves in a joint ministerial declaration to the nuclear weapon states and to India, Israel and Pakistan.

The international community can no longer remain complacent at the reluctance of these states to make a clear commitment to the speedy, final and total elimination of their nuclear weapons and nuclear weapon capabil-ity. Our declaration urges them to make that commitment now.
India and Pakistan must immedi-

ately put an end to their test explosions, which run counter to the will of the international community as expressed by the 149 signatories of the Com-prehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. They must abandon their nuclear ambitions and accede unconditionally to this treaty and to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

Likewise, Israel must relinquish its nuclear weapon capability and accede to the nonproliferation treaty.

We must also avoid the danger of any further state - or other actor crossing the nuclear threshold.

legally binding commitments not to receive, manufacture or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons. These undertakings have been made in the context weapon-free world. As long as those nations with the of corresponding, legally binding commitments by the nuclear weapon states

to pursuit of nuclear disarmament. We are deeply concerned at the persistent reluctance of the nuclear wea-

As long as some states claim the right to nuclear weapons, there is a risk that others will also claim it.

pon states to approach their treaty obligations with an urgent commitment to the total elimination of their nuclear

Three endeavors must now be pursued simultaneously.

First, there must be a strong rejection of all ambitions to give renewed political and military importance to nuclear

Second, it is essential that the nuclear

The vast majority of the membership disarmament process continue with renewed purposefulness and that the nonproliferation regime be upheld.

Third, political pressure must be applied to achieve the goal of a nuclear

greatest military strength claim the right to nuclear weapons for their own security, there is a great risk that other states will also claim this right. The possibility of preventing proliferation in the long term is therefore closely connected with the five nuclear weapon states fulfilling their commitment to nuclear disarmament, and showing true political will to attain the goal of the total elimination of these weapons.

This demand was expressed by the International Court of Justice in The Hague when it unanimously stated that there exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control."

Steps required to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons include the full resumption of the START process, for which urgent ratification of START-2 is a prerequisite. The other three nuclear weapon states must also be in-

tegrated into this process.

Measures are furthermore immedi-

ately required which would dramatically reduce the risk of accidental or unauthorized launches. The nuclear weapon states should therefore proceed. to de-alerting their nuclear arsenals and separating the warheads from their delivery vehicles:

After the abolition of intermediate nuclear weapons a decade ago, it is time to eliminate tactical nuclear weapons,

The conclusion of an agreement prohibiting the production of fissile material for weapons purposes would provide vital support both to disarmament and to prevention of the spread of nuclear weapons capability.

In addition, states party to the nonproliferation treaty have a legitimate right to legally binding assurances that: in the interim until the total elimination of nuclear weapons, they will not be victims of the use, or subject to the threat of the use, of nuclear weapons.

Further nuclear weapon-free zones also have an important role to play in the process leading to the elimination of nuclear weapons.

The Indian and Pakistani tests starkly demonstrate that nuclear weapons are not yet a closed chapter. Such folly, however, could provide an opportunity for a real awakening, if the international community as a whole were to unite in single-minded determination to relegate these weapons to the dustbin of history. We invite all states to join us in this endeavor.

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News reports that Iraq and United The whole point is not for Iraq to see how much it can get away with, he said; it has an affirmative obligation to reveal the location of all remaining weapons components and the documents to prove what has been de-stroyed. Mr. Butler's road map showed that if Iraq cooperated, the whole pro-cess could be completed quickly.

Nanny Should Hush

The next Security Council review of pected to offer support.

Much will be made of Iraqi civilians suffering as a result of sanctions. But their hardship results more from Saddam Hussein's refusal to take full advantage of UN humanitarian loopholes, not to mention his lavish spending on palaces, than from UN policy itself. And, as has been true from the start, the sanctions could be lifted in no time if Saddam Hussein would just come clean.

second-degree murder, her lawyers

begged the judge to reverse the effects

of their own bold gamble of insisting

that the jury choose between that and

outright acquittal. When the judge

granted that request, he reduced the

conviction to manslaughter and, to na-

tional astonishment and no little attack,

assigned a sentence of 279 days, or time

served, well below the recommended minimum for the charge. Her luck held

through the appeal to the Massachu-setts Supreme Judicial Court, which,

while upholding the conviction, de-clined to lengthen the sentence and

noted that the judge's error, in allowing

the lawyers' murder-or-nothing garn-

she has no intention of selling her

story. The Eappens, nonetheless, have

filed a probably unenforceable wrong-

ful death suit against ber in Massachu-

setts, saying they don't want her get-ting rich off their tragedy.

Both her neighbors and her defense lawyer, Barry Scheck, agree that she should try to put the events of the past

year behind her, "not obsess" and get

on with her life. Launching a new

public relations campaign to reclaim her innocence will not do that — not

for her, not for the Eappens or for the

millions whose fears and ambival-

ences about child care the trial brought

uppermost. Some expression of re-

sponsibility, even remorse, would be a

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

more graceful end to this sorry story.

Miss Woodward has insisted that

bit, should not harm the defendant.

India Asks Why America Ignores It and Courts China By Thomas L. Friedman

NEW DELHI — I came to New Delhi expecting to hear all about how the Indian nuclear test was meant to cope with the Pakistani threat. What I heard instead was Indians from across the political spectrum insisting that their nuclear sound and light show on May 11 was actually meant to signal to America and China that India views their emerging ''alliance'' with great concern and will not let these two powers carve up

Asia without regard to India. Even those Indian politicians who denounce their nuclear tests as a cheap, jingoistic maneuver by the new Hindu nationalist government will tell you that these tests were the only way for India to get what it wants most from the United States and China - respect.

I finally realized the depth of this sentiment when I went to see a saffron-robed Indian human rights campaigner, Swami Agnivesh Surely, I thought, he will disavow these tests. But no sooner did we sit down on the floor of his simple Delhi house than he declared:
"We are India, the second-

largest country in the world. You can't just take us for granted. India doesn't feel threatened by Pakistan, but in the whole international game India is being marginalized by the China-U.S. axis." As long as the Cold War was

on, and the Soviets were in ef-fect protecting India against China, India did not feel an urgency to develop its own nuclear weapons, notes Raja Mohan, strategic editor of the newspaper The Hindu.

coupled with U.S. pressure on India to sign the Comprehen-

sive Test Ban Treaty and not go nuclear, and with the rise of China as an economic and military powerhouse, left the Indians feeling that they were on

Said Mr. Mohan: "It was clear that China had run ahead of us and they were being incorporated as the world's No. 2 power and that we were being told to stay in a small box, while the U.S. gave South Asia to

When I asked Defense Minister, George Fernandes, what he would say to President Bill Clinton about the Indian tests, he answered: "I would ask Bill Clinton why is it that you feel yourself so close to China and you can trust China with nuclear weapons and you can trust yourself with nuclear weapons and

you can trust Russia, France and Britain with nuclear weapons, but you cannot trust India?' Mr. Fernandes added: "And

now we have news that the U.S. and China, during President Clinton's visit, will work out arrangements so that their respective nuclear weapons will not be targeted on each other. So the U.S. and China are settling their nuclear problems, while we are obviously a nation that must not care for our own security concerns."

Former Foreign Secretary J. N. Dixit said: "Your govern-ment tolerates China no matter what it does. Whether it is nuclear weapons tests or abuse of human rights, your government says, 'No, we cannot spoil relations with China.' "

Gujral, a critic of the nuclear money is very difficult to make. A bomb is not." tests, elaborated: [Former U.S.

Defense Secretary William] "Perry went to Beijing and said China should take more interest in South Asia. I asked myself: What is the purpose of making this statement? Is it a division of areas of influence? If you have decided that this side of Suez is an area of influence of China, what should an Indian policymaker do?"

No American president has visited India in 20 years, added Mr. Guiral, "but Clinton doesn't mind going to China. [What China does in] Tiananmen is all right, in Tibet is all right, in Taiwan is all right. Everything is all right, but you ignore our security concerns because we are poor and a nonnuclear power. In your eyes tions with China.'' either having a bomb or making Former Prime Minister I.K. money is what matters. Well, China explained an Indian

defense analyst, K. Subrahman-yam, is the major rising power in the world, and when a major copower like China emerges, it needs to be counterbalanced Russia balances China from the north, Japan and South Koreafrom the east, and now India is: a doing it from the west and south. "It is like embedding!".
Germany in NATO," he concluded. "One day you will give:" us thanks for our nuclear test." :::

Whether any of this makes a sense, frankly, I don't know...! But I do know this: These views are widely shared here. Any.? U.S. policy that ignores them, " and just orders India to turn the clock back and put its nuclear. genie back in the bottle, is not going to work.

Overrating China Is a Bad American Habit

By Gerald Segal

HONG KONG — Even be-fore President Bill Clinton flies to Xian on Thursday to talk with Chinese leaders, the thin air of summit diplomacy is producing dangerously giddy thoughts.

The most pernicious is that China has joined the top rank of international financial powers and deserves a seat alongside the Group of Seven leading nations because it forced the United States to press Japan to reform its economy and helped drive up the value of the yen.

It is helpful that China has But the Soviet collapse, not devalued its currency during Asia's current economic crisis, but the notion that China

is a "regional stabilizer" and a Hong Kong's welfare than that leading economic power is little short of absurd. China has not devalued its

currency because of what until now has been a clear calculation of self-interest. Its export industries are highly dependent on imported components and devaluation would have been of limited value.

Chinese devaluation would have put immediate pressure on Hong Kong to break the peg of the Hong Kong dollar to the U.S. dollar, thereby seeming to demonstrate less economic competence and concern for

shown by the previous British colonial administration.

It is also important to recall that China's devaluation in 1995 was an important cause of East Asia's crisis in 1997. So much for China as a selfless regional stabilizer.

If China does devalue in due course, it will do so because of fundamental flaws in China's economy, not because Japan has failed to tackle its domestic problems. China's economy was slowing well before the Asian economic crisis and while the yen was far higher. This was the result of a failure of political will in China to address such problems as a banking system that is so deeply mired in bad debt that it makes Japan's banking sector look ro-

bust by comparison. China continues to waste about 3 percent of its GDP bailing out rust-belt industries and incompetently run factories in the-state owned sector.

Japan makes a convenient scapegoat for China's reformminded Prime Minister Zhu Rongji, who is struggling to keep his reforms on track. What is remarkable is how many people take excuses for reality, and argue that China deserves to be rewarded for its leadership role. It is all the more remarkable

when one contemplates how in-consequential China is as an

1898: Tragic Launch

Iron Works yesterday [June 21],

rejoicing was turned into

mourning by the loss of about

sixty lives. A large staging un-der the Japanese cruiser in

course of construction, on which

a crowd of about 300 persons

had taken their station to see the

economic power compared with Japan. Little more than her faller percent of the exports of West. 75 ern countries go to China, and ... China's economy is about the size of Spain's. Should Spain it become a G-7 member?

China is a negligible donor: of foreign aid, while Japan is wo No.1. China's contribution to a the bailout of Asian currencies m is less than 10 percent of Jai 4 pan's. China is the largest re-3! cipient of foreign direct invest-, n ment in the developing world; but 80 percent of that is from ... ethnic Chinese living and work-: 74 ing outside China, mainly in other parts of Asia. Western investment in China is less than in --. Brazil. Should Brazil become a G-7 member?

There is a long and grand. Western tradition of overestimating the importance of China." President Clinton will be keep-ing good historical company when he comes to the Chinese court and tells the Chinese how important they are.

Massaging the ego of your host might be gracious, but it risks upsetting your real allies in Japan, and might even lead to preemptive concessions to a second-rate Chinese power.

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til the August holidays. Now it is no longer an illusion. Moscow may not be Paris or Rome, but it is no

From its monumental traffic jams to its supermarkets, boutiques and elegant restaurants, Moscow is a big, bustling, brash metropolis exploding with energy and en-

To see the city again after Russia has traveled since the demise of communism.

The economy is shaky, corruption is ubiquitous and/the bankers and businessmen remains largely unchecked, but these and other deformities should not overshadow the political and economic changes that have transformed

By Philip Taubman

lation, the arrival of democracy and capitalism has set it free and tied it to the West, culturally and economically. Moscow is the epicenter of change, and the locus of wealth, in the new Russia. It

will be some time before the rest of the country, including St. Petersburg, comes anywhere close to matching the standard of living now en-joyed by many Muscovites. One of the best seats for observing the new Russia is

emous McDonald's at Pushkin Square. The novelty of Big Macs has faded, but the restaurant still has cachet with Russians and serves as a mecca for affluent young Muscovites.

ers, cell phones in hand. The men are dressed nattily in light-weight pleated trousers. colorful sport shirts and tasseled loafers. The women wear short skirts, tight tops and stylish Italian shoes. The scene seems almost unimaginable to someone who lived

sealed Russia in hermetic iso- shoes. Even eyeglasses and

ald's is a small plaza that is part of the boulevard that circles central Moscow. Once a cheerless place with a few scruffy benches and an expanse of dirt, it is now the site of a leafy beer garden where people congregate after work, engaging in easy conversation as the daylight stretches far

into the evening.

The talk is of business and politics, romance and vacation plans. The fear that once permeated Moscow and made

vision news is a cascade of irreverent reports. Even more remarkable is the Internet, where information of all kinds is available about the government and the economy.

agents once enforced censorship at Sheremetyevo airport, there is now an unobstructed "green channel" for passengers with nothing to declare.

finished work. It is a land that favors the young and those unbroken by communism and has little patience or compassion for those unable to adapt. nondescript Soviet wardrobe But Moscow, at least, is increasingly a city where people can enjoy life. Considering its history, that is no mean feat. The New York Times

1923: Heat Wave

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO LONDON - At the launch of H.M.S. Albion at the Tharnes

> FRANKFURT - A total of \$60,000,000 worth of Nazilooted gold was on its way to England today [June 21]. The bullion and coins will be given back to Marshall plan countries from which it was stolen by the. Nazis. Weighing almost 150,000 pounds, the gold is being shipped in twenty-two air-plane flights to London, whence it will be redistributed. The gold, rounded up from Nazi

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It's Nice to Be Back in Moscow

MOSCOW — The warmth and lingering daylight of a Moscow summer could make even the harshest periods of Soviet rule seem less demented. The appearance of flowers and fresh fruits and vegetables in barren markets temporarily lifted the city's spirits, creating the illusion that this was just another Euro-pean capital marking time un-

longer a world apart. The differences of dress, demeanor and politics that made Moscow so distinctively depressing have melted away.

trepreneurial activity. an absence of three years, and to compare it with the Soviet citadel of 10 years ago where I worked as a correspondent, is to appreciate anew how far

power of the wealthiest Russia in just a few years.

1917 Bolshevik Revolution

on the terrace outside the cav-

They arrive in Jeep Cher-okees and Toyota Land Cruis-

here a decade ago. The McDonald's also attracts working-class customers who have become indistinguishable in appearance from their counterparts in London or New York. The has almost entirely vanished, Almost as swiftly as the replaced by jeans, colorful 17 Bolshevik Revolution outfits and Nike or Reebok

sunglasses are sleek. After decades of enforced conformity in everything from clothing to politics, Russians have seized the chance to assert their individuality.

Across from the McDon-

it so inhospitable to such gatherings is gone.

The press is full of lively debate and invective; the tele-

Where implacable customs

The new Russia is an un-

NEW YORK --- Yesterday was

the hottest June 20 in New York in twenty years, the temperafures reaching 97deg. Fahr. Five deaths due to heat were reported in New York and 26' from New England and the Eastern and Middle Western, States, all of which are suffering, from the heat wave. Hundreds have been overcome by the heat and no relief is in sight.

launch, had given way, and all were struggling frantically in the water. Unfortunately the ca-1948: Nazi Gold

tastrophe could not be seen from the Royal stand and at the time the people were struggling in the water for their lives, the distinguished company were in the act of giving three hearty cheers to celebrate what was regarded as a most successful launch. The Royal party left quite unaware of the terrible calamity. hoards after the war, has been. stored in Frankfurt.

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Elderly in Nursing Homes Often Receive No Pain Relief

A new study of nursing home residents shows that many cancer patients, particularly the oldest, were undertreated for their pain. Here is how the 4,003 patients in the study who reported daily pain were 65-74 years 75-84 years 85 years or more

TREATMENT PERCENTAGE OF PATIENTS IN THIS CATEGORY medication Non-narcotic analgesics (eg, Tylenoi) Weak opiates (Tylenol with codeine) Morphine and similar *Percentages may not add up to 100 because of rounding.

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg

ASHINGTON -- Researchers studying elderly cancer patients in nursing homes have found that many are severely undertreated for pain and more than a quarter of those who complain of pain, especially blacks and the oldest of the old, are given no pain medication, even aspirin.

The study is all the more troubling, experts say, because as hospital stays grow shorter and the elderly population increases, more and more old people with cancer are living out the end of their lives in nursing homes.

The research involved 13,625 cancer patients in five states. It found that patients older than 85 were about half as likely to be treated for pain as those between the ages of 65 and 74, and that blacks were half as likely as whites to receive pain medication.

'At some point, nursing home staff and in-house doctors may give up on patients who they know are going to die," said Dr. Giovanni Gambassi, a main author of the study in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

"There is no acceptable excuse for not treating pain appropriately in terminally ill patients."

most nursing home workers are poorly trained to recognize pain.
Whatever the reason, Dr. Foley and

A spokesman for the American Nursing Home Association, which represents 11,000 nursing homes across the United States, said the study raises "legitimate issues that bear close scrutiny." But the spokesman, Tom Burke, also complained that nursing homes were being unfairly singled out, saying the problem of undertreatment of pain cuts across all areas of medicine. "I'd be hard-pressed to think a nursing home would do better than an oncology ward," he said.

Experts do not fully understand why the very old and minorities are more vulnerable to having their pain left untreated, but several theories are circulating, said Dr. Kathleen Foley, chief of the pain and palliative care service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. One is that outright prejudice is at work, particularly in the case of minorities.

Another, she said, is that these pa-tients "are used to being in pain and suffering and therefore don't complain about it." A third is that they don't want to be impaired by the side effects of medication. In addition, experts say that

other experts in end-of-life care have long complained that their colleagues underestimate and undertreat pain and that patients' quality of life could be vastly improved if doctors paid attention to this problem.

In recent years, patients themselves have taken up the cause; fear of dying a protacted, painful death has fueled the movement to legalize assisted suicide, which in turn has brought the issue of pain management, also called palliative care, out of the medical fraternity and into the national spotlight.

UT while the lack of attention to pain has been well-documented in a variety of medical settings, including hospital oncology wards, only a few small studies have examined the problem in the nation's nursing homes. That is why the new study, conducted by an in-ternational team of Italian, British and American scientists, is so important, Dr.

Foley said.
"This is new information, original

first time, defining the epidemiology and the ethnography of pain in the elderly population.

There are 19,000 nursing homes in

the United States, and experts who study life inside them say they are particularly ill-equipped to care for pa-tients in pain. Many nursing bome patients, particularly the very elderly, are demented and unable to tell those responsible for them how they feel. As a result, nurses and nurse's aides must rely on other indicators like moaning, writhing and crying to determine when a patient is pain.

'In the nursing home, there is not a lot of knowledge about how to manage pain," said Dr. Mathy Mezey, a ge-rontologist and professor of nursing at New York University. "Most of the staff has not been prepared in good palliative care, and that is both the nursing home staff and the primary care physicians who are managing the residents."

For their study, Dr. Gambassi and his colleagues examined patient evaluations collected by the Federal Health Care Financing Administration from 1,492 nursing homes in New York, Kansas, "This is new information, original Maine, Mississippi and South Dakota information," she said. "It is, for the from 1992 to 1995.

The Elusive Springs of Chiusi Scholars May Have Found a Famed Roman Spa

By John Noble Wilford New York Times Service

lource: Dr. Giovanni Gambass

EW YORK — Great as he loomed in the heyday of Rome, the Emperor Augustus was frail of body and suffered a lifetime of infirmities. In 23 B.C., a contemporary account says, he almost died of "an abscessed liver" and presumably would have if not for the restorative power of cold baths in mineral springs. Word of the emperor's cure touched off one of antiquity's more enduring health fads.

Cold mineral baths became popular among Romans for at least two centuries. People abandoned the hot springs of Baiae, near Pompeii, and flocked to the cold-water resorts of Gabii, near Rome, or Chiusi, in the Siena district of Tuscany. From personal experience, the poet Horace sang the praises of a bracing dip in cold mineral water for curing illnesses of the head and stomach:

For Antonius Musa makes Baiae Useless to me and even makes me unpopular there, Now that at mid-winter I soak

in icy water. The vogue of cold bathing made Antonius Musa, the emperor's personal physician, a rich and famous man. For the last 100 years, archaeologists and classics scholars have been trying to find the springs of Chiusi, where Horace and perhaps Augustus took the waters. A team of archaeologists, led by David Soren of the University of Arizona in

Tucson, may have succeeded. Digging in Tuscany, the archaeologists have tapped into a bubbling spring of cold mineral water and excavated the ruins of bathhouse columns and an enormous tile-paved swimming pool. All this is in the right place and seems to fit Horace's description of the ancient Roman spa. But confirmation may prove impossible, other archaeologists said, short of uncovering an inscription saying that Augustus or Horace bathed here.

'We are either looking at the famous spring of Chiusi, or at the very least at one of a series of springs that made this area famous in antiquity," Dr. Soren said in a interview before returning to Italy for further excavations.

The style of the wall construction, he said, is consistent with other Roman monuments of the second and first centuries B.C. Pottery scattered in the ruins is also of the same period. The structures may thus be old enough to have been in use during the reign of Augustus. And the building at the center of the site resembles the icons used to represent spas on early Roman road maps. In any event, the large size of the site shows that it was a major spa complex unlike anything else ever found in the Siena region and one of the largest anywhere in Italy. Frank Romer, a classics professor at Arizona, said the excavations "should reveal something about Roman

The discovery was made near the modern Tuscan resort of Chianciano Terme, which already boasts three coldwater springs that account for the town's promotional motto, "It's Chi-anciano for a healthy liver." But no ruins that could be associated with an ancient spa had been uncovered until 1993. It was then that Giulio Paolucci, an Italian archaeologist, excavated the first evidence of late Etruscan and early Roman Imperial structures.

medicine and Roman fads at the time

everybody started taking cold baths."

R. SOREN joined the project three years ago, working with Department of Antiquities. swimming pool estimated to have been as large as 60 by 130 feet. Its bottom, paved with roof tiles, was never more than three feet deep, enough for bathers to immerse their bodies but inadequate for most swimming. Such dimensions conform to Horace's descriptions.

The pool tiles have caused some confusion among archaeologists. Some bear stamps attributed to the second century A.D. Was the pool built then, well after the other buildings, or was that when it was remodeled? No one is sure.

From the ruins, archaeologists have determined that imposing brick columns bordered walkways surrounding the pool. At the middle of the west side, a podium jutted out over the pool, probably serving as a base for a statue devoted to the gods of bathing.

While excavating other buildings, workers removed mud near a small temple and out flowed a spring of cold water from the hillside. "This was the amazing thing for us," Dr. Soren said. 'The spring was still there, and the

water just started shooting out." Analyzing the water, Janek Artiola, an environmental scientist at Arizona, found it full of calcium and sulfates - not recommended for drinking. Too much of the calcium could lead to kidney stones. Even a little of the sulfate would have a

strong purgative or laxative effect. Horace was apparently wise enough not to drink the water. He suffered from inflammation of the eyes and may have daubed them with the water. Classicists, Dr. Soren said, are fond of an outrageous pun: "You can lead a Horace to water but you can't make him drink."

Within walking distance of the newly discovered spa, excavations directed by Anna Rastrelli, head of the Chiusi Museum, have turned up remains of an Etruscan temple in use during the third and second centuries B.C. Some of the newly assembled pieces of terra-cotta sculpture, she said, are among "the most stunning finds of Etruscan sculp-

destroyed by landslide, she said, its up in the popular belief that anyone on terra-cotta sculptures were gathered and local museums and Tuscany's buried in a deliberate manner. Fragments of the temple's stone columns Excavations revealed the outlines of a and traces of its wooden roof beams were also uncovered, as well as coins, some dated to 200 B.C. One of the most impressive finds, she

said, was the sculpture of a winged woman, who appears to be about to fly off while looking back and holding a drinking vessel in her left hand. Art historians see in the winged figure a strong similarity to some feminine divinities on the frieze of the great altar of Pergamum in what is now Turkey. Other pieces indicated that the temple was dedicated to Hercules, the Etruscan patron of healthful waters, and the nymphs of the adjacent spring. "In this Tuscan land of springs, a temple dedicated to the water gods of the area would be appropriate," Dr. Rastrelli said. "For then, as now, the curative properties of water held a special meaning.

Separation, by Various Degrees

The smallness of a world or network can be expressed mathematically by the number of steps it takes to get from one element of it to any other. This depends on the degree of regularity of a network's interconnections.

REGULAR NETWORK



In the "regular" network, for example each point is directly linked only to its four nearest neighbors, so to go from one side of the figure to the other

recuires several intermediary links

An extra long-distance connection

SMALL-WORLD NETWORK



Each point has an extra connection to a more distant point, minimizing the number of links needed to reach across the network.

INCREASING RANDOMNESS RANDOM NETWORK



Each point has an extra connection to a more distant point, minimizing the number of links needed to reach across the network. But the network is too chaotic to produce small-world effects.

It's a Small World: The Proof

By Sandra Blakeslee New York Times Service

EW YORK — Mathematicians have found a simple explanation for how big At some time after the temple was small worlds, a phenomenon summed Earth can be linked to anyone else by a chain of only six other people — the socalled six degrees of separation.

Any large set of linked, dynamic components — be they people, electric power stations, brain cells, whatever - can be transformed into a small world, the mathematicians said, by introducing short cuts between a few components. Relatively few short cuts can make big changes in a network, linking clusters of people, power stations or brain cells together in unexpected ways.

Among people, the short cuts are well-connected individuals — those who know many people from other countries, different disciplines or unusual subcultures. Such highly connected people establish surprising interconnections between groups that seem impossibly distant from one another, like Iowa farmers and Kalahari bushmen. For example, sometimes a farmer's son will join the Peace Corps in Africa and thus unexpected links are born.

This kind of interconnectedness is familiar to social animals like humans but now, for the first time, mathematicians have quantified it in a general model. The finding, which is the first mathematical explanation of the small world phenomenon in dynamical systems, was reported in the journal Nature. The mathematical experiments were done by Steven Strogatz, a mathematician at Cornell University, and Duncan Watts, a postdoctoral fellow in the social sciences at Columbia University.

"They have made a great contri- social networks lie between these two effects," said James Collins, a mathematician at the Center for Biodynamics at Boston University. "The phenomenon has been mostly studied by sociologists and psychologists, but the mathematics community had not explored these networks in terms of selforganizing systems.

Such systems include social networks, technologies like the Internet and electric power grids, and life in general — the fact that a sperm can penetrate an egg and set into play a series of biological processes that give rise to complex creatures from mere specks of protoplasm. The finding that short cuts make all

the difference explains why total strangers can quickly determine that they have acquaintances in common, why epidemics spread so rapidly in the modern world and may be useful in improving communication systems like cellular telephones and the Internet.

'There's a unifying mechanism in nature that makes things small and interconnected," Dr. Strogatz said.

But could it be modeled mathematically? To find out, the researchers focused attention on two extreme types of networks. One is a simple geometric lattice in the shape of a ring, with each node connected locally to its neighbors. Like a pure crystal, this lattice is highly ordered. The distance from one node to the next is characteristically long, and nodes tend to cluster tightly in neighborhoods.

The second model is a ringed lattice with the nodes connected randomly. The distance from one node to the next is characteristically shorter, but because everything is connected helter-skelter, there is very little order and nodes do not fall into common clusters.

9 Certain acid

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Most biological, technological and

bution to understanding small world extremes of ordered versus random connections. "We asked, what would happen if you take an ordered lattice and rewire some of the nodes, introducing short cuts?" Dr. Watts said. "You'd be making a regular network slightly more o. random by connecting nodes that would ... not normally be connected."

For example, in a regular network each node is connected only to its immediate neighbors — like people in a rural village who rarely leave home and know only the people next door. But if one of those villagers travels to the big city, adding one distant link to all the close links at home, the village is connected to the wider world.

The results were astonishing, Dr. Watts said. The properties of the lattice change dramatically. It still forms clusters, but the pathways between clusters are much shorter. Immediate neighborhoods and more distant neighborhoods are suddenly closer together. Information spreads more quickly. Each node has access to more information and can do more things. In being con-nected to more neighbors, nodes begin to cooperate and synchronize.

HE huge surprise is that it takes very few short cuts between nodes and clusters to turn a big world into a small world, Dr. Watts said. After a point, adding more short cuts does not improve network efficiency.

For example, if you knew Secretary of State Madeline Albright, you would be connected to everyone she knows, including kings and queens. But even if you are not her friend, you may be connected to her indirectly. Perhaps yonr neighbor's daughter-in-law was Albright's college roommate. If so, you would be connected to the Queen of England by three degrees of separation.

LANGUAGE

Empowering Is Out, Enabling Is In

By William Safire

ASHINGTON — "Tobacco is an addiction which should not be enabled by public funds," writes Mike Harman of West Virginia. "Enabling Bad Behavior" was the headline over the letter to The New

York Times from another reader, William Frago of Illinois, who objected to a leading feminist's vigorous defense of President Bill Clinton: "I am afraid that Gloria Steinem has become an enabler to the very behavior the women's movement once sought to punish." Especially in its noun form, enabler,

this word has made a quantum jump from hero to villain.

positive sense: Pastor Thomas Kilgore of the Second Baptist Church of Los Angeles says his task is "to be an life." But many are substituting fa- tioned us, that would be a thrill." cilitator for that positive sense of "helper" and are using enabler to from "writer" to "content provider, mean "one who by ignoring, appeasing or condoning makes possible the continuance of wrongdoing."

This sense has its origin in the group therapy that is now called the recovery movement. Bill Pittman of Alcoholics Anonymous, co-author of the 1989 "AA, the Way It Began," says that its of 10,000 geeks?" The story had to do use of "the word enabling first appeared in Al-Anon literature in the ciation's ads to attract technical workearly '60s." A 1965 book reads: ers from California's Silicon Valley. "There are many occasions when we all engage in enabling destructive or lahoman wrote about Vice President Al

Dysfunctional, You're Dysfunction- No. 1 geek." al," defines enabler as "someone who

something good, and you enable someone to do something bad."

Though a lexicographer would disagree (a dictator can be empowered to scorn o' th' other's villainy. invade a neighbor and a surgeon enabled to save a life), usagists understand that latest connotation.

I tried the word on an Internet search engine and triggered this response. "I Some people still use the word in its noun in mind from the world of therapy. There was some irony here, but it was not meant darkly. Some addictions -one to cool music in a dark room, for enabler to the people who are farthest example - are not all that bad." The down and getting the bitter end of musician added, "Hey, if you men-Having just adjusted to the change

here am I, a thrill-enabler.

Under a bucolic photo of a farm in Minnesota, a state that likes to think of itself as the land of 10,000 lakes, Newsweek ran this caption: "The land

In the same way, The Daily Okinappropriate behavior in other Gore as one who "dreams not of carnal conquests but of technological break-world. Wendy Karriner, author of "I'm throughs" and is thus "the nation's

This word's meaning has wandered

makes it easier for another to pursue an far from its roots. "He is a foole, a sotte, addiction, one complicit in bad behavior—like the wife of an alcoholic helping him hide the bottles from the kids: "She says: "The word enable house a simpleton. Shakespeare can be contrasted with the word em- chimed in twice, first in "Twelfth power. You empower a person to do Night" about "the most notorious gecke and gull' and later in "Cymbeline" as a ghost denounces a rogue who made Posthumus "the geeck and The old synonym for "fool" took a

sinister turn in American carnival slang to describe a "wild man" in a sideshow whose revolting act often included biting the head off a live snake or chicken. Despite this specialized sense, and notwithstanding World War play in the Enablers, the Dallas band with the Web site you visited," writes Bart Chaney from Texas. "I had the II military use in the form of gook as a slur at Asians, the word continued to have a central sense of "fool." In '80s slang it became a generalized term of contempt, like dork (perhaps from the cutting-edge dirk influenced by a nickname) and the too-studious student grind or nerd (probably from the earlier "nerts to you," based on nuts).

How, then, did the derogatory geek

become the self-description of choice for hackers and computer techno-

It all began when bad, pronounced b-a-a-a-d, became synonymous with 'good -- really good." The inversion of meaning swept through groups eager to "out" their unpopularity, much as queer was adopted by homosexuals to challenge their stereotyping by others.

Hence, the term geek - the "fool" from five centuries back, later disdained in circuses as the lowest of the low — has become the badge worn proudly by the virtuosos of the Virtual Generation.

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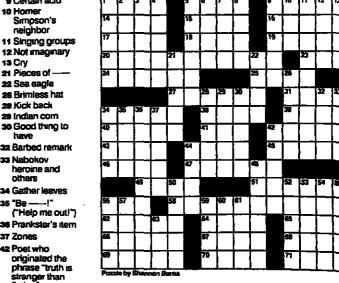
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By Philip Shenon and David Johnston New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The U.S. government's investigation of a terrorist bombing in 1996 that killed 19 U.S. airmen in Sandi Arabia has collapsed over disagreements with the Saudis, and Clinton administration officials now say that they may never be able to determine who carried out the attack.

In frustration, the FBI director, Louis at the Khobar Towers apartment complex in eastern Saudi Arabia, leaving area.

By Erik Eckholm

BELIING - China is not ready to

make the economic changes necessary

to ioin the World Trade Organization,

the top U.S. trade negotiator said here

officials, casting ice water on any linger-ing hopes that a trade breakthrough

might be announced during President

yet ready to walk the walk," said Char-lene Barshefsky, the U.S. trade repre-

sentative, adding Saturday that China

had made too few of the concessions to

open its markets to outsiders that West-

ern countries demand as a condition of

entry into the 132-nation organization

defensive about the membership issue,

describing the opposition to its entry as

that sets the rules for world trade.

"There's a lot of talk, but China is not

Bill Clinton's state visit.

behind only a single agent as a legal attaché and liaison to the Saudis.

The Justice and Defense Departments have vowed that they will not close the books on the investigation, which began two years ago after a fuel truck packed with tons of explosives detonated outside the apartment complex. About 500 people were wounded in the blast.

But the Clinton administration's insistence that it remains committed to the case is at odds with other signs that the investigation has dissolved into a Freeh, has quietly pulled out dozens of muddle of inconclusive evidence and illinvestigators at the scene of the bombing feeling between the United States and Saudi Arabia, its closest ally in the Gulf

U.S. Calls China Unwilling

To Change for WTO Entry

plicated the investigation, since the United States and Saudi Arabia have recently sought to improve relations with a new, relatively moderate govemment in Tehran.

There is no indication that the White House, the State Department or intelligence agencies have directed the FBI to back off the case, but the prospect of improved relations may have made it less likely that broad assertions of Iran's role in the bombing would be accepted without concrete evidence.

As the case languishes, families of the American victims are, for the first time,

the case is not being pursued aggress-ively because of U.S. fears of offending mation on the bombing. Saudi Arabia, a principal oil supplier to the United States.

The case offers a bitter, if revealing, lesson in the limits of law enforcement in the post-Cold War world, in which the United States has asserted its authority to operate overseas to combat terrorism, drug trafficking and organized crime.

What may have been the FBI's best hope of cracking the case — the arrest of Saudi dissident opposed to the royal family who initially suggested that he was involved in the attack -- evaporated

mony, insisting that he had no infor-

The Saudi, Hani Abdel Rahim Sayegh, is now in the custody of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at an undisclosed location, awaiting deportation to Saudi Arabia, where he is likely to be beheaded. Even if he reversed himself again and agreed to testify, U.S. officials say, his credibility is to allow the FBI to inspect the getaway now so tainted that his account might be of little use.

U.S. officials acknowledge that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is stymied. They say there is no reason to

mine who carried out the attack
Attorney General Janet Reno and Mr.
Freeh have publicly criticized the Sandis for a lack of cooperation. Federal officials say the Saudis have refused to allow them to interrogate dozens of suspects arrested by the Sanda

and to review critical evidence. It leaf months, they said, for the Saudis to agree car used by the terrorists. r used by the terrorists.

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said it had no comment on the inves tigation, but American business exec utives and others close to the Sauce government said that the Sandis were equally frustrated by the FBL

They said the Saudis described the bureau as high-handed in its dealings with the kingdom and reluctant to accept the validity of evidence gathered by the Saudis suggesting that the attack was carried out by Saudi dissidents with the help of Iran. The evidence, they said, included videotapes of confessions by some of the suspects and wiretaps of their conversations with other terrorists

People close to the Saudi government said that the FBI was hypocritical in its complaints about a lack of Saudi coll operation since the bureau had refused to share much of its intelligence informal tion with the Saudi Interior Ministry, its counterpart in the investigation. g
While U.S. officials do not deny that

the Saudi government's theory about an Iranian tie may be correct, they say that the evidence that the Saudis have shared with them has been inconclusive and would be of little value in a U.S. court Mr. Freeh once described the Saudi ev idence as little more than "hearsay." While the Defense Department insists

that it is closely monitoring the FBI investigation, it insists that it cannot interfere in the work of criminal in

We've been very clear from the beginning: This is the FBI's job," said Kee Bacon, the Pentagon's chief spokesman "We don't ask the FBI to fly F-16s over Iraq and they don't ask us to take over their investigations."

Defense Department officials ac knowledge that during a visit to Saudi Arabia in February to consult about proposed military strike on Iraq, Defense Secretary William Cohen did not request - and did not receive - 3 briefing from the Saudis on the status of the Khobar Towers investigation.

U.S. and Saudi investigators have attempted to maintain a facade of mutual assistance, with periodic pledges of coll operation and occasional discussions of the case. But Clinton administration officials say that whatever substantive cooperation did exist between the FRI and its counterpart in Saudi Arabia is largely 6. 1 12 178 1 House 6 W

Border policemen struggling Sunday with a Israeli demonstrator opposed to plans to expand Jerusalem.

JERUSALEM: Israeli Cabinet Approves Expansion of City

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United States, but from residents of the Israeli towns slated for annexation, especially Mevasseret Zion.

Some of the residents of these towns are people who moved out of Jerusalem to escape the spread of its ultrareligious neighborhoods, and who are against coming under Jerusalem's issues to be resolved. control. The residents tried to block the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway, leading to scuffles with police in which eight people were arrested.

But despite Mr. Netanyahu's insistence that the American criticism was based on lack of understanding, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright maintained Sunday on a U.S. television talk show that "anything that is done at this point on something that is a final status issue cannot really be helpful when we are in a period, I would just

tell you, in terms of very intensive and authority of the "umbrella municipalconstructive dialogue.

The United States has been negotiating with Israel for many months now on a further Israeli withdrawal in the West Bank which would enable the long-stalled negotiations with Palestinians to enter into a final phase. The future of Jerusalem is one of the central The cabinet decision set guidelines

and created a committee of experts to prepare concrete recommendations on the structure of the "umbrella municipality," as well as the exact list of localities to be annexed. The committee was to report back

after the summer. Though the cabinet decision Sunday did not list specific areas, reports in

One major concern addressed by the expansion plan was the fact that Jerusalem has been losing secular and prosperous middle-class residents in recent years because of the rapid growth of the relatively poor ultra-Orthodox population in the city. Another concern was that the Palestinian population in Jerusalem has been growing at a greater rate than the Jewish population. Israeli government planners ac-knowledged in the proposals that one

ity" was expected to reach several

large and small Jewish neighborhoods.

major goal was that "the relative size of the Jewish and non-Jewish populations in the city should be main-tained." Specifically, the report said Israeli newspapers said that in areas the target was to ensure that 70 percent beyond the Green Line, which were of Jerusalem's population be Jews inconquered from Jordan in 1967, the 2020.

WILLIAM: The Prince of Hearts Turns 16, Becoming the New Icon of the Royal Family 🕏

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Media Age: His image makes a "selling cover." The current issue has nine glossy pages devoted to him.

fascinated but fearful public --- prevent the fledgling prince from being engulfed by the same media attention that swamped Diana? Especially since William has already shown his distaste for

The handling of the landmark birthday is a hint of how the palace is trying to

Significantly, in the same week, h also lodged an official complaint against a newspaper complaining of a "grossly intrusive and inaccurate" report of the kind his mother most deplored. Read saccharine speculation about putative girl friends and unsourced information

Although the press has left William alone at Eton, his august private school, and published little comment on the Press Association interview, this noble pet Labrador called Widgeon and "his

For Mr. Lacey, William has the cha-

"What he has speaks of an intense royal family, which Diana satisfied and with it goes an incredible element of To Mr. Lacey, William's sun-gold

glamour can be compared to a former Prince of Wales — his great-great uncle, who became Edward VIII and after his abdication, Duke of Windsor. "Whereas Charles has always been

the same problems: What happens when they hit the flesh pots?"

The immediate plan is for William to be kept out of trouble as he continues his studies at Eton College, where his 13year-old brother, Harry, will join him in the autumn. Whereas Charles was pushed by a forceful father to be an 'action man' and deny his contemsupport in focusing further studies on history of art, as well as geography and ANY SINGRESS ENCOUNTED THE BOOK THE BOO

The school is conveniently placed for him to take tea with granny at neighboring Windsor Castle. But according to Hugo Vickers, a royal historian, William is unlikely to join in a royal ceremonial or take up even minimal royal duties until hel turns 18 — the legal age when he could

Mesadatificación de la militaria de la majoria de la militaria William said in the interview that he wanted a college education to follow. Although Ms. Seward said Diana told her that she would have liked William to go to Harvard, Mr. Vickers said that at an American or Canadian college, William might be even more "vulnerable to hysteria," citing the screaming teenage fansi surrounding the royal trip to Canada this!

army or navy that was once the backbone of a monarch's training. William may have to find another way to prepare for a life of service to his country.

But whether William likes it or not, a significant moment in the royal rites of,

Iran Disunity: Ousted Official Gets a New Post

TEHRAN - Interior Minister Ab-

in Parliament, was named Sunday by President Mohammed Khatami as vice president in charge of development and The appointment requires no approval

by the hostile Parliament, which ousted Mr. Nouri earlier in the day. Mr. Nouri joins seven other vice pres-

idents in Mr. Khatami's government development and social affairs for him to

the president underlined his "compet-ence and capability" although the position does not carry as much weight as a ministerial post.

Mr. Khatami appointed Mr. Nouri's deputy, Mostafa Tadj-Zadeh, as acting interior minister. The constitution gives the Iranian president three months to name a permanent replacement for an ousted minister.

Mr. Nouri's ouster from the Interior Ministry is the most serious blow to the moderate president's government since its formation last August. The conservative-dominated Majlis

voted, 137 to 117, with 11 abstentions, to fire Mr. Nouri, saying what it called an unacceptable rise in social and political tensions was caused by his modest re-Mr. Nouri's critics took the rostrum

before the vote to criticize him for allowing public rallies by opposition student groups, replacing old-line officials at the Interior Ministry and taking sides in increasingly public discord between rival factions. Independent analysts said the depu-

ties might have been motivated in part by the fear that Mr. Nouri could use his position to influence the outcome of parliamentary elections, due in March 2000, putting their own seats at risk. Mr. Nouri, an eloquent cleric from the central city of Isfahan, defended his year

in office. "Be sure that the government is so powerful that it will not be weakened by issues such as this," he told the Majlis before the vote.

He continued: "Whoever the interior minister may be, he must continue the path of 'political development,' " using a term coined by President Khatami to encompass a degree of political and social reform within the country's Islamic (AFP, Reuters)

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ton's defense team months ago com-

missioned a private detective agency to

conduct a thorough investigation of Ms.

Lewinsky's past, according to sources

The firm, Investigative Group Inter-

Terry Lenzner, the founder and pres-

work. He declined to comment last

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sources close to the investigators.

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unfair and politically motivated. But now that the country is in the midst of a politically risky revamping of state en-terprises, which has raised unemployment, coupled with the fact that it is also facing the Asian financial crisis, some senior leaders may in private be relieved after two days of talks with Chinese at the prospect of putting off WTO membership and its potentially painful ob-"The Chinese government has not yet decided whether WTO accession is

compatible with its domestic agenda, Ms. Barshefsky said. "I don't believe the leaders are confident that it would leave them flexibility in the way they pursue internal reforms.

In return for minimizing trade barriers, members of the trade organization enjoy better access to the markets of other members, which include all the developed Western nations, Japan and many developing nations.

China, which has been trying to enter the organization for 11 years, has been Trade negotiations between China and the United States, which has taken the lead among Western nations in part because its own trade deficit with China is huge, have been crawling at best for some time, and diplomats have recently played down expectations for progress during the coming summit meeting, which begins this week.

Though membership in the global trade body has been a political goal of China's leaders, in recent months it has become clear that enthusiasm for accession has been far from universal. Some ministries and industries in what remains dollah Nouri, ousted after a censure vote a largely state-run, bureaucratic economy have worried about the rapid opening of ailing domestic industries to foreign competition and an end to the monopoly positions of state-run commodity traders as well as banks, insurance companies and other service sectors.

The major areas of dispute, in addition to high tariffs on many imported goods, include restrictions on agricultural imthere is no current vice president for ports and on the ability of outside companies to gain a foothold in such industries as financial services, account-In his decree appointing Mr. Nouri, ing, tourism, law and telecommunications, American officials say.

Over time, there is a "positive traiectory" in the talks, Ms. Barshefsky said. but the progress is "slow and uneven."

■ Dissident's Parents Aided

China has granted the parents of an exiled Chinese dissident, Wang Dan, a passport to travel to the United States to visit their son, Reuters reported Sunday from Beijing, quoting Mr. Wang's It was not immediately clear whether

the move was intended as a goodwill gesture ahead of Mr. Clinton's visit.

How can the royal family - and a

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about his private life.

At the heart of the problem - and of

William's current discomfort — is the danger," he says. fact that Western society recognizes 16 as the age of sexual being. The Prince of Hearts is a title that suggests not just a caring nature but that William is both eligible and nubile. And every photograph proves that he has inherited from his mother the allure that marks him out from the dull and dutiful Windsors.

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ASIA: With a Changed Outlook on Japan and China, Clinton Prepares for Beijing Visit China's constant reminders of U.S.- cent of all the loans on the books of

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wild instability — while refusing to take the cure. When Mr. Rubin went to the Oval Office on Monday night to tell Mr. Clinton that the United States had to reverse policy, spending billions in the currency markets to prop up the yea, he described it as a desperation effort to save Japan from itself.

Inside the Treasury, his aides have a new title for the Japanese finance minister, Hikaru Matsunaga: Minister for the Destruction of the World Economy.

This huge shift in perspective is not universal, of course. Many in Congress still view China as a security threat, and last week they kicked into high gear the hearings over whether the Chinese are exploiting liberalized U.S. commercial export laws to improve their spy satellites and nuclear missiles. Not surprisingly, the White House is drafting and re-drafting the remarks Mr. Clinton will deliver in China to make sure he presses the themes of human rights and nonproliferation.

balancing act. But it is made far more be the world's largest economy."

complex by the realities of Asia's economic turmoil.

China may remain America's huge military threat, but it has emerged in recent months as an equally huge economic ally - ensuring, at least for now, that crisis does not become catastrophe.

And Japan, home to the U.S. bases

that keep Chinese power in check, has become an economic drunk driver. Its steps to deregulate the economy, reform its banks and cut taxes are widely viewed as inadequate, and no one even talks anymore about turning Japan into an engine of Asian recovery.

Naturally the Chinese see this as an opportunity. In return for a pledge to hold their currency stable — which Mr. Clinton is expected to seek this week. and which is in China's interest anyway

— they want acknowledgment of China as the new economic leader of Asia.

That's a stretch - China's economy is still a fifth the size of Japan's - but nothing makes the Chinese happier than when U.S. officials repeat Mr. Rubin's mantra that In calm times this would be a delicate sometime in the next century China will

Chinese cooperation in World War II, Chinese banks are not being paid back fighting side-by-side against you-know- and probably never will be. That means who, are part of a campaign to portray there is now at least \$270 billion in bad China as Asia's leader and America's debt in China, compared with \$600 bilindispensable parmer. The stars are lined up for them,

because Japan is in such disfavor around the world," said Jeffrey Garten, dean of the Yale School of Management. It's never been easy for the United States to maintain an equilibrium in its

relations with Japan and China. One has always been in vogue, the other out. But rarely have things been this complicat-And add to that another wrinkle. The Clinton administration is praising China's economic management today in

part to encourage it to defuse an economic time bomb down the road: China "China today has the characteristics of every Asian country that was hit by the crisis — but worse," says Michael

Walton, director of poverty reduction at the World Bank. Somewhere between 25 and 30 per-

CLINTON: Lawyers Offer Deal for Lewinsky to Admit Sexual Relationship With Clinton

not be objectionable unless it delved into insky's affidavit beyond her denial of an If no deal can be reached, the lawyers areas such as sex, private bank accounts, affair with the president.

counter a possibly damaging witness. To prepare for this eventuality, Mr. Clin-Mr. Clinton is not the only Mr. Clinton is not the only one preparing for different contingencies. Mr. Starr appears almost through bringing dozens of witnesses before a official receptions, formal functions or Washington grand jury as part of an events related to the U.S. Department of effort to prove that Ms. Lewinsky lied in Defense, where I was working at the the Jan. 7 affidavit she signed in the lime. There were other people present on those occasions."

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Mr. Starr has White House entry logs Kendall, who is Mr. Clinton's chief law- had a sexual relationship with Mr. Clin-

yer in the Lewinsky matter, according to ton. Prosecutors plan to bring the White Terry Lenzner, the founder and pres-ident of IGI, reportedly supervised the Podesta, back to the grand jury on Tuesday and are preparing to call one of their last major witnesses, Linda Tripp, the one-time Lewinsky colleague and friend

vestigation could not be learned, but who secretly tape recorded their conversations about Mr. Clinton. Moreover, Mr. Start has records conpathetic to Ms. Lewinsky said it would tradicting other elements of Ms. Lew-Currie. was nearby.

In that statement, Ms. Lewinsky at-

tested that "the occasions that I saw the president after I left my employment at the White House in April 1996, were Defense, where I was working at the

showing three dozen visits by Ms. Lewinsky after April 1996, including once when she dropped by at Christmas last year, but not for an official function.

Sources familiar with the president's schedule have said she met alone with Mr. Clinton at that time. During his that occasion, while his secretary, Betty

are preparing for a trial. ■ New Tape Disclosures

Two hours of previously undisclosed recordings of conversation between Monica Lewinsky and Linda Tripp de-pict the former White House intern as infatuated with President Bill Clinton end, quoting an account in U.S. News & World Report.

"The first time I looked in his eyes, I saw something I didn't expect to see." Ms. Lewinsky told her colleague.

The magazine said its associate editor. Elise Ackerman, was given access to deposition in the Jones case, Mr. Clinton about two hours of the roughly 20 hours recalled talking with Ms. Lewinsky on of tape secretly made by Ms. Tripp, It hours reviewing the material.

lion in much richer Japan. Moody's Investor Services warned Friday that China's big state banks are "in reality heavily insolvent."

But what about those impressive skyscrapers in Shanghai that Mr. Clinton will roar past in his motorcade on the way to a roundtable with cell-phonetoting Chinese entrepreneurs? Vast

numbers of them are sitting empty.

So what has protected China from the economic calamity that has hit its neighbors? A second Great Wall: its currency. which is not freely convertible. That means the speculators of the world can't move money freely in and out of China. Sealed off from the markets. China has sidestepped George Soros and his friends, pegging its currency to a fixed exchange rate with the dollar.

But there are ways for the world to get around the wall. As the dollar has soared, China's exports have become far more expensive overseas. Suddenly the coun-year. tries whose currencies have dropped so dramatically are selling goods more cheaply and cutting into China's market share. And that is reducing China's growth rate at the moment it desperately needs money to finance its perilous transition to a market economy.

So it is no surprise that when the Japanese ven fell to scary new lows last week, the Chinese began to scream. Japan's economy is so big that it could force another round of huge currency devaluations - a second, far more fearsome phase of the Asia crisis. Chinese leaders began threatening to devalue their own currency. China's nervousness is one reason Mr. Rubin intervened in the markets to bail out the yen.

But the Treasury secretary made no secret of the fact that he was forced to select among bad choices. He wanted to force Japan to make structural changes before he helped the yen: massive deregulation, tax cuts, shutting down the directly than Japan has.

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slightly out of step or 'tone deaf,' William fits into a much grander tradition of 'sparkling Princes of Wales,' " Mr. Lacey said. "And all of them have had

plative nature, William has his father's

biology. be king without a regency. Charles will, also spare his son the agony of enhartassment that he faced when invested as Prince of Wales in 1969 at age 20.

After college, Mr. Vickers rules out as antipathetic to the modernizing Britain of Tony Blair, the long period with the

What most people must hope for William is that he can absorb the shock of his mother's death and go on to lead a ful-filled and useful life. Inevitably, he will, start to move center stage as Prince Charles turns 50 in November, as Queen, Elizabeth ages and when the nonagenarian Queen Mother is no longer around to sit smiling graciously under an umbrella. as she did at the Ascot races last week.

passage is the renewal of the dynasty. And whatever his achievements, the next 10 years are destined to lead to the; apotheosis of the current hopes and dreams: When the Prince of Hearts gives, of tape secretly made by Ms. Tripp. It sickest banks. The Chinese, he notes, his to an appropriate bride, to secure the said Ms. Ackerman spent about three have addressed their problems far more succession and to keep the tattered family stag flying.

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Business to e-Business: Security

How Much Is TRUST WORTH?

Companies are expected to spend \$8.3 billion on information-technology security this year.

D ecause there is no e-business without it, trust is worth countless billions of dollars. The very future b worth counties of months of course, all of electronic commerce depends on it. Of course, all of electronic commerce depends on it. business and all human interaction are based on trust, but the borderless anonymity of cyberspace makes transactions over networks more suspect than contracts signed in a local office or purchases made in a Main Street

Irving Wladawsky-Berger, general manager of IBM's Internet Division, points out that the underlying concern of c-business is power in the form of information - who has it and can they be trusted with it?

To address this concern, companies will spend more than \$8.3 billion on security this year, according to information-technology research organizations International Data Corp. and the Gartner Group. Between 1997 and the year 2000, companies around the globe will have spent more than \$25 billion on products, services and expertise to create secure e-business environments.

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"Our job is to make sure that when people and enterprises go to the Internet, they never have to pause to say, 'Is it safe?'," said Lou Gerstner, IBM chairman and CEO, in a recent speech.

17 consultancy Ovum suggests that good security is based on a trust model for the Internet, consisting of proof of identity, "non-repudiation," confidentiality and in-

roof of identity, through digital signatures and certificates, means that organizations and individuals know

with whom they are doing business. Non-repudiation means that organizations and individuals can enter into contracts with confidence, knowing

they will be honored. Confidentiality and integrity mean that the communications within and between organizations and indi-

Encryption is the key

viduals will remain private.

Encryption, which uses different mathematical algorithms to scramble and unscramble data and uses keys to decipher the information, is essential to keeping all this data secure

The market for public and private key products is growing at more than 100 percent annually and will reach \$1.9 billion by 2001, estimates IT consultancy Data-. Although encryption is the basis for Internet security,

until 1997, U.S. export laws generally (with exceptions for the banking industry) effectively prohibited any communication across or outside of U.S. borders that used encryption stronger than 40 bits.

However, many experts feel that 40-bit encryption is not sufficiently strong enough for sensitive or other high-value Managing risk information. In a test conducted by RSA Data Security, it was cracked in eight hours.

- More recently, the U.S. government has reviewed exports on a case-by-case basis and has permitted stronger encryption in some software and hardware products.

In May, Lotus Development Corp., an IBM company, and VeriSign Inc. announced that U.S.-based companies servers located in the United States and abroad will now be ation. able to use 128-bit encryption for communication and commerce over open networks.

If the technology applied to crack a 40-bit encoded message in eight hours were applied to break a 128-bit encoded message, it would take more than 2 trillion years, so this change in U.S. encryption policy represents a major advance in corporate security.



The flip side of encryption is key recovery, fast becoming an important part of security. Keys may be lost when data stored in computer systems are not adequately managed or when systems are damaged.

IBM has developed KeyWorks, a framework for datasecurity architecture that includes key management. KeyWorks is based on Intel's Common Data Security

Corporations should view security as a risk-management problem, says Kathy Kincaid, director of IT security programs for IBM. "What are you securing and what is the value of that asset to you? How much security do you need fortable?"

using Lotus Domino Servers or Domino Go Web servers with a "health check," including risk assessment and a subsequent audits, so the cycle can begin again. located in the United States, and international banks with cost-benefit analysis, to audit a company's security situ-

Second, a company should define its security policy. How often are passwords changed? What information or systems are considered high priority? What do you do when your security has been compromised?

Policies encompass physical as well as IT consid- for property (as merchandise) delivered." erations. Are the doors to computer rooms locked? Who has access to them and how are they identified? Are necessary for successful e-business.

employees allowed to take home information on

Third comes the implementation and design of appropriate security measures. What tools are needed and how can they be integrated into the existing environment? Integrated products and end-to-end expertise, such as that offered by IBM's SecureWay umbrella of offerings and consulting services, reflect the market trend toward allencompassing security solutions predicted for the years ternational trials for SET

Test and test again

The final and most-neglected part of the security cycle, offered "virtual" Visa cards cure hardware." says Ms. Kincaid, is security monitoring on a regular basis. with and what is the level of risk with which you are com- She cites a recent study by Zona Research revealing that 40 percent of the U.S. companies surveyed didn't test their have Internet access. The ticipating in SEMPER by She describes corporate security as a cycle, beginning systems at all. Testing results should be fed back into

Even companies that have a well-established security cycle realize that risk can never be eliminated completely; it can only be managed at levels acceptable to the particular organization.

And everyone who uses the Internet should remember that one definition of trust is "reliance on future payment

That's a good description of the kind of trust that is

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ompanies that put some of their data on the Internet want to make sure thev aren't making their systems vulnerable to snoopers or vandals. One way to answer this need is firewalls, software that controls what kinds of information can pass into and out of a corporate network.

IT consultancy Datamonitor believes that the worldwide market for firewalls will be you know; security can also be based on who worth over \$1 billion by 2001, with more than a third of that from Europe. Growth is being spurred by the numbers of small and medium-sized firms forming or joining intranets and extranets, according to Data-

monitor. Firewalls are like the fence around your property. They are a deterrent and help keep intruders out, but are not foolproof and do not protect you once an intruder is inside the premises. "The more access points you have, grams for IBM.

Also important are strong authentication and authorization procedures, anti-virus protection, intrusion-detection systems (which act as burglar alarms) and the know-how to tie all these elements together.

Passwords or PIN numbers are one common way to limit access to confidential information. But most people use simple passwords that are easy to guess, or — if the password is complicated enough to be an effective deterrent - people tend to write them down.

Password security is based on something on the Internet. March saw you are or what you have. Recognition of who you are by fingerprints or retinal images developed by the European making sure that a contract will eventually be commonplace in security systems, says Ms. Kincaid.

What you have may be an ID card, suggests Ms. Kincaid, that can communicate with the computer system and identify the trust on networks is im- opments will include imuser continuously. So even if a hacker breaks mense. Issues fall into three proved techniques for priinto your system, he or she cannot eavesdrop main classes: technology, vacy protection. • for more than 60 seconds.

Ms. Kincaid notes that her company and the greater your vulncrability." points out others are working to make security easier, as Kathy Kincaid, director of IT security prowell as more effective, because all users may not be computer whizzes.

"Encryption is the basis for Internet security," she says. "But most people don't know how to do cryptography, so we are working to make it simpler for users and application developers alike." •

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MAKING ON-LINE PAYMENTS SAFE

Since thieves on the Internet are very hard to catch, prevention is key.

othello in the play ect manager, SEMPER, steals trash." said says Gérard Lacoste, proj by Shakespeare, but he IBM global services. clearly hadn't been contem-Internet, where not only tails and identity.

back down the road; they services required for secure may well be in another electronic commerce, incountry and time zone, almost impossible to trace. For e-commerce to ex- fers and orders, and plode as pundits are predict- confidentiality.

ing, both buyers and sellers ances: buyers that they are purchasing from legitimate range of applications and merchants and will receive the goods they order, sellers that they are dealing with bona fide customers and will be paid appropriately.

To address these concerns. IBM has been working with Visa, MasterCard and others to develop the Secure Electronic Transaction (SET) standard for Internet bank-card security. Using protocols based on digital certification, SET authenticates the identity of all parties in an on-line credit-card transaction, ensuring the security of the ness on the Web.

tion process is the major advantage of SET over pre- accept orders that match vious security systems.

Virtual bank cards

tious of many ongoing in- tween either fraud reduc-SET technology, provided their home PCs potential market of almost a providing industry expertquarter of a million people ise in service provision, will be able to use their vir- banking, social sciences, tual Visa cards to shop the telecommunications, secu-Web, initially at Finnish rity engineering and legal sites only but eventually at issues. Web sites around the world.

tions in Finland, reports that in the Netherlands and and merchants." Although highly motivated. there were only a few mertionally," he says.

a trustworthy environment and others. the first testing of a com- visaged include "fair explete security architecture change," which involves research project SEMPER handled on-line has been (Secure Electronic Market- agreed to by both parties, place for Europe).

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plating purchases over the Creating an e-market Internet, where not only SEMPER is tackling the your "purse" can be stolen, first two of these with the but also your credit card development of an open senumber, bank account de- curity architecture and a legal framework to provide Worse yet, the thieves certainty to merchants and can't be pursued by horse- customers. It integrates all

The idea is not to promote need trustworthy assur- specific hardware or software, but to ensure that a

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Buyers need assurance that they are purchasing from legitimate merchants and will receive the goods they order, sellers that they are dealing with bone fide customers and will be paid appropriately

transaction and giving both services can be put together merchants and customers to meet the needs of merthe confidence to do busi- chants in all kinds of commerce. For example, says This two-way verifica- Mr. Lacoste, "some sellers may set their servers to only their offers exactly, while others may be prepared to negotiate prices. Buyers The latest and most ambi- and sellers can choose betion, using on-line registrabegan in Finland in May. All tion and normal computers, 900,000 Visa cardholders in or high security with perthe country have been sonal registration and se-

Twenty different European organizations are par-

A field test began this Kari Huoponen, IBM spring with three small-tomanager of e-business solu- medium-sized companies initial response to the virtual France, chosen because card offer was "very enthu- they were unrelated to proisiastic by both consumers ect participants and were

When the test period finchants in the first month of ishes in December, SEMthe test, "we expect to add PER will be extended thousands by year-end as throughout Europe. It will the pilot rolls out interna- probably be brought to standards bodies like the Open SET is a secure way of Trading Protocol Group, the making payments, but it is European Telecommunicaonly one element in creating tions Standards Institute

Additional services enlace for Europe). and loyalty-card point "The task to establish tracking. Subsequent devel-

FIGHTING FRAUD

Software.net had a problem. The Internet's first software superstore focusing on electronic distribution was growing by leaps and bounds, but credit card fraud was increasing even more rapidly.

It reached a point where 60 percent of the orders received in one week were fraudulent, in spite of manual screening of each order, recounts Tony Bates, executive vice president of CyberSource Corp., Software.net's parent company.

Manual handling was not only unable to cope with the volume of orders, but was also unable to screen out fraud. Worse, Software.net's bank was imposing penalties for every false credit card order.

So CyberSource developed a risk-screening service that reduced its parent company's fraud to under one-half percent, turning it into one of the most prosperous stores

on the Web. CyberSource today partners with IBM to offer an end-toend security solution (including SET implementation) for

merchants like Software.net that deal in digital goods such as software, information, images, music or film. This kind of e-commerce is particularly tricky. It's much harder for a merchant to verify buyers' claims that they did

not receive the goods they ordered or that they received altered or damaged versions. Sellers have no recourse to recover their payment if they ship to fake customers.

Equally costly are the hours spent both in fraud control and reconciliation of fraudulent payments with the bank. The most effective way to deal with the problem is "to stop incidents of fraud before they lay claim to valuable time and people resources," explains Mr. Bates.

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HACKERS WITH ETHICS

Earlier this spring, a group of world-class other. There was no loss of life or propcomputer hackers broke into the information systems of a large U.S.-based transportation company. It took them less than three days to crack the system, and once inside, they had unrestricted access to confidential e-mail files, personnel records, accounting systems and the com-

pany's intranet and Web sites. The twist? These hackers are employed by IBM, and the transportation company gladly paid them to break into their system. This "ethical hack" was just one of more than 300 that companies have asked the computer giant to perform in the past three years.

The hackers are the seven members of IBM Research's Giobal Security Analysis Lab (GSAL), formed by Charles Palmer, a

network security veteran. Mr. Palmer's group consists of five Americans (a mathematician, a photographer and three computer scientists), one Dutch professor of physics and one Dutch computer science doctoral student. A parallel GSAL group is based in Zurich. The common characteristic of the GSAL researchers is that they were victims of computer attacks themselves. Rather than give in, they learned to defend themselves from intruders and got hooked in the process.

"Think of a company's networked systems as a castle in need of protection," says Mr. Palmer. "Using the most advanced tools and techniques in the industry, the GSAL provides the blueprints IBM customers can follow for building thicker walls and deeper moats that keep

intruders on the autside." About half of the GSAL's clients have experienced an incident themselves or have seen the results of security breaches in their industry. Hacker problems can include tampering with internal e-mail, storing and distributing bootleg software and stealing confidential information. A hacker can also make it impossible for an electronic transaction to take place, and even cripple the target's

Mr. Palmer cites the hacking of England's Labour and Conservative party Web sites within a few months of each security a priority and to do it right."

erty, but strategically placed graffiti resulted in a loss of image for both

parties. "You need to ask yourself, "What is my data worth? And what will it cost me if that information is stolen, altered or destroyed?'," says Mr. Palmer.

GSAL's first clients were financial services organizations, followed by e-businesses and services, and government Mr. Palmer says GSAL has found that

their clients are not yet paying close enough attention to their security needs. When the GSAL team invades a system, 90 percent of the time the client doesn't even realize they are there. And his team manages to break into 85 percent of the systems they target, usually in a week or

The value of vigilance

Fixes for common vulnerabilities include better security education for employees, who should be encouraged to choose passwords that combine letters and numbers, change them regularly and never divulge them. Employees should also learn about hackers' tactics, such as posing as an employee who calls and says, "I'm working from home and forgot the modern number."

Companies should also encrypt sensitive communications and install firewalls. Finally, systems administrators should regularly test the security of their company's network and keep up with fixes for

newly discovered bugs. The rapidly expanding use of e-mail, Internet accounts and Web sites has spawned multiple avenues through which hackers can gain access to information. But Mr. Palmer sees no need for alarm rather, he believes companies need to better utilize the tools and techniques

necessary to raise the bar on security. "My main objective is to let people know that while there are major security threats to networked systems, there are actions that companies can take to protect their e-business," he says. "My goal is to convince these companies to make

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Have Currency Markets Reached Turning Point?

Intervention May Signal New Direction for Yen

By Paul Blustein Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Just three years ago, when the yen was surging to post-World War II highs and the U.S. dollar seemed to be in free fall, the U.S. Treasury secretary, Robert Rubin, endured some uncomfortable encounters at a finance ministers' meeting in Indonesia.

Perhaps, he was told, the dollar was so weak that the United States should consider selling bonds denominated in yen so ANALYSIS that investors would buy them.

Today, with the yen in need of rescuing, that episode is worth recalling as a reminder of the powerful swings in currency markets that make policymakers look helpless one day and masterful the next.

Mr. Rubin was hailed as a wizard when, shortly after the Indonesia meeting, the dollar soared from its post-World War II low of 80 yen.

Now, the outlook for the global economy may be hanging on the question of whether the currency markets have once again reached a turning point after Mr. Rubin's decision Wednesday to join the Japanese government in a yen-buying, dollar-selling operation. That surprise intervention sent the dollar tumbling from an eight-year high of nearly 147 yen to 137.835 yen Friday.

Up to now Japan's deepening slump and falling currency have worsened the dire outlook facing its Asian neighbors, such as South Korea and Thailand, because the huge Japanese market has shrunk and inexpensive Japanese products have squeezed out competing Asian exports. A rising yen and healthy growth in the world's second-largest economy would give those countries a

chance to recover. But the danger is that the yen's strength will prove short-lived if Japan fails to show that it is reviving its damaged economy and banking system. Should market analysts conclude that Tokyo was not effectively tackling its problems, the financial turmoil that has afflicted Asia and other emerging mar-kets in recent weeks would almost certainly gather greater force and possibly leap across the Pacific. "What we've done is like applying a splint," a colleague of Mr. Rubin's said. "Splints work. But the bone has to heal."

That comment reflects the Treasury's view that intervention in markets, taken alone, rarely produces more than a temporary impact on widely traded currencies such as the yen and the dollar. in September.

Whether the intervention Wednesday proves to be a milestone or merely a footnote in the history of the Asian crisis will depend on how quickly and decisively the Japanese change the policies that have kept their economy stagnating for almost seven years. In the final analysis, the only thing

that is going to matter is what they do,

Mr. Rubin said. The resolution is almost certainly going to have to wait until after July 12, the date of an election for the upper house of Japan's Parliament that is important to Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's grip on power.

Japanese officials insist that it would be politically foolhardy for the government to act before then, but that plans are secretly being drawn up for unpopular measures such as using vast amounts of taxpayer funds to relieve Japanese banks of hundreds of billions of dollars in loans that are not being repaid. Japan plans to set up a government-funded institution to buy bad loans from banks and dispose of the property that was used as collateral.

The big new factor in the global currency game is China, which sent tremors through markets over the past two weeks by warning that the yen's weakness might force a devaluation in Beijing's currency, the yuan, to keep Chinese exports competitive.



Delegates viewing Mr. Mahathir's speech on a big-screen TV on Sunday.

Malaysia Counters **Charges of Cronyism**

Mahathir Releases Names of Contractors

KUALA LUMPUR - Seeking to

thwart accusations of nepotism and cronyism, Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad on Sunday released hundreds of names of companies and people who have won government projects.

The lists were distributed to the media and posted outside the hall where the annual convention of the United Malays National Organization, the party led by Mr. Mahathir, is being held.

The prime minister released two lists Saturday, one containing the names of dozens of firms that had won privatized projects and another with those who had received in-principle approval for gov-

ernment jobs. The documents were released to show that the government had always been transparent in its dealings and to deny accusations that only those with family links and close association to leaders received lucrative projects and

contracts, he said. There have been accusations that privatization benefits only a few close friends, cronies of the prime minister, maybe also the deputy prime minister. So we provide the list to see who got the privatized projects," he told a news

"There's literally hundreds of them, quite obviously they are not close cronies; there's no way we can be intimate with them," he said Saturday.

The issue became a hot topic after the party's youth leader, Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, jolted the party on Thursday by publicly denouncing corruption and cronyism in its ranks, defying Mr. Mahathir's warning that bringing up the issue could cause a party split.

The prime minister has said there are business executives and companies on the lists who are close to the government, but they should not be penalized merely for their links to leaders.

"We are not guilty of cronyism, we are not guilty of nepotism, although this does not mean that we must discriminate against someone merely because he has links to leaders," Mr. Mahathir said. He also said that Malaysia would ask

for more loans from the World Bank to help bolster its economy. "Yes, we're asking for more," he said. "We need a lot of money to kick-

start the economy." Mr. Mahathir said Malaysia may ask the World Bank for between \$700 million and \$1 billion beyond the \$300

million loan it approved last week. (Reuters, AFP)

Mark-Devoted Germans Gradually Come to Terms With the Euro

By Edmund L. Andrews New York Times Service

FRANKFURT — For decades, the Deutsche mark has been a bulwark against inflation and a national icon that most Germans have revered far more than their flag or their national anthem. But now, as the formidable currency reaches its 50th birthday, more and more people here are coming to terms

with giving it up.
With less than seven months left before Germany and 10 other countries adopt the euro as a common European currency, public opinion polls show a big shift in attitude from hostility and anxiety toward grudging acceptance of the project.

The change should come as a wel-come relief for Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who has been the euro's most powerful champion and who will face

As recently as six months ago, more than 60 percent of Germans said they were opposed to the euro and feared it would be a weaker currency than their beloved mark. But a poll published Friday by Handelsblatt, Germany's leading business newspaper, showed that only 42 percent of those surveyed described themselves as opponents and that the share has declined steadily each month since January. The number of supporters, meanwhile, has steadily increased, to about 39 percent.

The new poll is consistent with others over the past six months that show a slow but steady warming toward the euro. It also reinforced what political analysts have long predicted: the euro will not be a deciding factor for most

people when they vote in September. More than 70 percent of those surveyed in the Handelsblatt poll said they would not base their votes on it.

i nough Mit. Koni has been the most important backer, ordinary Germans have long been unhappy or at least uneasy about giving up the mark. Adopted on June 20, 1948, three years after the end of World War II, the currency brought an abrupt end to hyperinflation in Germany and helped usher in the nation's postwar "economic mir-

For decades, the mark has been one of the world's most important currencies. Many European countries have locked their currencies and monetary policies to those of Germany. For practical purposes, the mark has been a proxy for a European currency in many international financial transactions.

It will not actually go out of cir-culation until after a three-year tran-sition period. The euro will debut in

January, but only for electronic transactions.

At anniversary celebrations Saturday in Paul's Kirche here in Frankfurt, a cathedral that was the meeting place for Germany's first elected representatives in 1848, Mr. Kohl and other German leaders celebrated and eulogized the

But with the general softening of at-titudes about the currency transition, enlogies seem less necessary.

'I really don't care what coins I have in my pocket," said Sabine Mueller, a 33-year-old lecturer at the University of Halle who was visiting Frankfurt. "To me, the mark doesn't mean anything in particular. I didn't even know that it is the 50th birthday."

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As for those who resist the new currency, many tend to be older. They remember the trauma of rebuilding after World War II, and are more anxious and skeptical than younger workers.

But Germany's business leaders, particularly at big banks and at industrial corporations, have been overwhelming supporters. Daniel Mitental, 32, an accountant in Frankfurt, echoed the optimistic views of many young whitecollar workers,

"I think it is a big chance," he said. relaxing at an eatery near the old opera house. "Many people associate the mark with stability and German virtues like discipline and hard work. But the value of the euro will be equally stable. People fear it because it's unknown."

CYBERSCAPE

Internet Privacy: Firms Draw Up Rules

By Robert O'Harrow Jr. Washington Post Service

ASHINGTON — In a bid to head off U.S. federal privacy legislation, a group of companies that do business on the Internet will present a plan for self-regulation Monday, even though organizers continue to squabble over how to enforce the voluntary rules.

The Online Privacy Alliance includes America Online Inc., Microsoft Corp., International Business Machines Corp. and almost 50 other companies and associations. The alliance started meeting in the spring after the White House and privacy advocates accused industry leaders of failing to develop consistent dren's privacy. privacy protections on the sprawling computer network.

The Clinton administration has repeatedly warned that electronic commerce would languish unless computer users think that their information is safe. Top administration officials last year gave industry leaders until July to craft a plan, and the Commerce Department will hold meetings next week to assess the progress.

Alliance members will announce guidelines urging companies to tell World Wide Web users how information is gathered and used and offer them a

group also would generally restrict members' collection of data about children younger than 13 without parental approval, these people said.

Companies on the Web now routinely collect names, addresses and other data for marketing or to resell, often without telling people how the information will

Christine Varney, a former White House official who is helping to organize the alliance, acknowledged that companies could not agree on methods of enforcement. But she said the group has made strong progress in recent weeks, particularly in addressing chil-

"They don't want to make up answers they can't live by," Ms. Varney said, adding that the companies will pledge to deliver a workable plan for enforcement by September.

An official at the Direct Marketing Association, which represents some of the largest users of personal information, contended Saturday that disagreements about how to hold companies accountable are a healthy part of the process.

But privacy advocates questioned

whether self-regulation could work and suggested the alliance proposals are www.iht.com/IHT/TECH/
"public relations." Critics said that a year Internet address: CyberScape@iht.com suggested the alliance proposals are

way to ensure that data are correct, ac- after the White House called for clear cording to several people involved. The privacy policies to be posted on Web consumers have little privacy protection on the Internet," a Federal Trade Commission study released this month said. The study found that only 14 percent of U.S. commercial Web sites provide any notice of information practices.

In its own study, the Electronic Privacy Information Center, an advocacy group in Washington, found that new members of the Direct Marketing Association who use the Web rarely follow the group's privacy policies intended to guide the collection and use of personal information, Marc Rotenberg, the center's executive director, said.

"It's time to move beyond public relations and get on with the hard work of privacy protection," said Mr. Rotenberg, who added that the country needed a federal privacy office and legislation to help ensure privacy on-line.

The group has discussed a range of approaches for enforcement, including allowing companies to assess their own privacy programs or making use of a special seal on Web pages that would signify compliance with the group's rules, members said.

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June 19 Asian Crisis May Hurt

Alstom wants between 190 and 220 French francs (\$31.62 Cosings in Amsterdam, Landon, Milan, Paris and Zurich fidings in other centers; New York and \$36.62) per share for its stock, which starts trading rates at 4 P.M. and Taronto rates at 3 P.M. and Taronto rates at 3 P.M. and Taronto rates at 3 P.M. and Taronto rates at 5 P.M. and Taronto rates at 70 bay one dollar "Units of 100 R.Q. not quoted; N.A. not Monday in Paris, London and New York after a price is set. Investors said they wanted the shares priced at the low end to account for the risk that Japan's recession could drag down other countries in Asia, where Alstom gets 21 percent of sales. A low-end price would raise \$3.8 billion, \$700 million less

"The company's saying not to exaggerate the importance of Asia, but the problem is it might spread," said Christian Albusson, a fund manager at Edinburgh Fund Managers. "The than the top price. sector's not looking terribly attractive because of that."

Investors have expressed skepticism about Alstom's arguments that just under 3 percent of sales come from the countries most affected by the slump, such as Indonesia.

Alstom, formerly called GEC Alsthom, was formed in 1989 in a merger of the energy and transport units of General Electric Co. of Britain and Alcatel Alsthom SA of France. It Taipet Testaget, Tohren, Tohren, has grown into a multinational with 110,000 employees in

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COMMERZBANK SIZ

By Barnaby J. Feder New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The decision last week by Goldman, Sachs & Co. to sell stock to the public, ending 130 years of business as a parmership, reflected common wisdom among Wall Street's giants: Any firm that aspires to have enough financial power to remain an industry leader has to turn to outside

Just one major champion of the Wall Street partnership remains: Edward D. Jones & Co., the St. Louis-based broker-

Often described as the Wal-Mart of finance because of its strategy of serving investors in rural areas long ignored by giant stock retailers like Merrill Lynch & Co., Paine Webber Group Inc. and Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co., Jones has expanded rapidly into suburban America, Canada and, starting last year, small towns in England.

Jones' network now stands at nearly 4.200 offices, more than any other firm's, Its goal is to have 10,000 offices within five years, most staffed by a single broker and an office manager. Such brokers make up roughly twothirds of its 2,500 limited partners. Most of the others are headquarters employees, including some secretaries.

There is no doubt the company could grow even faster if it followed Goldman's lead. Certainly, there has never been a better time to get a high price for a company like Jones, although the 158 general partners could not expect their stakes to be valued at anything like the \$100 million figure being bandled about

for some of Goldman's 190 partners. Goldman earned about \$1 billion in each of the first two quarters of the year.

nearly 10 times Jones' net income of outward on how the world is changing." \$114 million on revenue of \$1.13 billion said John Bachmann, Jones' managing \$114 million on revenue of \$1.13 billion for all of 1997.

More capital would allow Jones not just to open new offices faster but also to expand its meager share in investment banking services that can be more lucrative than selling stocks. It could also

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enter areas it now avoids, like trading

for its own account. But Jones figures there is more to lose than to gain from abandoning its partnership structure and the conservative business strategy that has been built around it. The company has, in fact, turned down offers to be acquired in the

"The greatest mistake successful companies make is focusing their analysis inward on what they do instead of

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partner. "But we've decided to stick with the trade-offs we've made."

Those trade-offs start with an investment philosophy that might seem out of touch in the go-go 1990s. Clients are typically directed to blue-chip stocks and bonds and then generally advised to hold them with heirloom-like lovalty.

Brokers do not push initial public offerings and the firm, unlike, say, Merrill Lynch, has no in-house mutual funds that it might be tempted to favor.

Jones' trading desk in St. Louis purchases bonds not for the firm's account but to provide inventory for the brokers. Similarly, Jones gets involved in investment banking only to create new securities for its clients. Neither trading nor banking is treated as a separate profit center, eliminating a potential conflict of interest with the firm's retail

Brokers are given the freedom to operate their offices almost as independent businesses. They are pushed, though, to generate their commissions by finding new customers and by adding to existing accounts, rather than from trading

over the long term, participate in company training programs and keep their compliance records unblemished become limited partners.

Jones' current strong buy recommendations include such war horses as Du Pont Co., Campbell Soup Co. and Citicorp. Even in high-technology, the favorites tend toward big names like Compaq Computer Corp.

The company's 13 analysts follow fewer than 300 companies, although their work is supplemented by research that Jones purchases. "There are periods of time when small

stocks are in favor and then the market works against us," said Mary Beth Heying, a company spokeswoman.

Not recently, however. Jones' recommended list gained 39.5 percent last year, outperforming the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index and the recommended selections of every other major broker. It continued to outperform the S&P 500 in the first five months of this

year, returning 14.5 percent. But the five-year gain through the end of last year of 120.4 percent was 20 percent less than the S&P's and below

or speculation. Those who earn profits that of most other brokerage houses.

Mr. Bachmann admits that he frees. about his firm's ability to prosper as Wall Street firms consolidate, banks and other competitors plunge into stock; brokerage and Internet-based services offer investors bargain-priced trading from their home computers.

Battling firms like Merrill Lynch for hotly contested suburban turf is tough enough, especially because that Wall Street giant has been paying big bonuses to lure away Jones' brokers.

Mr. Bachmann says the changes in the competitive landscape have not been surprising, but the pace of change has been Jones has responded by hiring 150 broker candidates a month this year and plans to step that rate up to 200 a month.

Jones is gambling that rapid expan-sion can offset the marketing advantages of larger competitors and the lower costs of new Internet-based brokers. How far into the next century such efforts can carry the partnership is ME.

Bachmann's big challenge. "The main threat to us is irrelevance."

Mr. Bachmann said. "If our voice is drowned by giants or they price in ways we can't compete, we'll be in trouble.

Most Active International Bonds

The 250 most active international bonds traded through the Euroclear system for the weeting June 19. Prices supplied by Telekurs.

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Asia Is Likely to Keep Activity Frantic

NEW YORK - Bond traders, who thrive on volatility, are hoping for a reprise of last week in the Treasury market, which last Monday took benchmark 30-year bond yields to record

For bond traders, the more frenetic the trading the better. Last week proved to be the most volatile week since February, and it follows a four-month period that by some measures was the dullest in the

Treasury market in more than 20 years. "The big money has come out to play again," said William Westgate, a bond salesman in London for ABN-AMRO.

'It's been good for our desk." The rally in bond prices began in October, as investors fleeing financial turmoil in Asia parked money in Treasury debt. The crisis in Asia is also expected to slow the U.S. economy's brisk pace and keep a lid on inflation. That is good for bonds because inflation

lessens their value. The outlook for the Treasury market is predicated on unfolding events in Japan, with the market likely to gain on flight-to-safety if Tokyo fails to relieve pressure on the yen, market players

Thirty-year U.S. bond prices soared this point," said Patrick Dimick; last Monday as tumbling Asian currencies and stocks prompted a rush into Treasuries. The yield fell to 5.57 percent—the lowest since regular sales of the

securities began in 1977. Bonds then suffered the biggest two-day loss in nine months, driving yields up to 5.75 percent Wednesday, as the United States sold dollars to prop up the

U.S. CREDIT MARKETS yen. Bond yields ended the week at 5.69

percent, up 2 basis points from the previous Friday. Traders said big price swings might continue as bond investors looked for clues to Japan's commitment to im-

proving its ailing economy and bailing out its banks. Many economists say that unless Japan recovers, the rest of Asia has little hope of bouncing back. On Friday, Treasury bond prices rallied on comments reported on Reuters television that the U.S. Treasury sec-

retary. Robert Rubin, did not expect meetings in Tokyo to produce specific actions regarding Japan. The possibility of concrete steps to-

ward reform in Japan was "just hope at

strategist at UBS, "because there are no. guarantees as to what will be forthcoming in the way of reform policies or even when it will come.

'Market hopes for a landmark agreement to come out of the current U.S. Japan meetings had clearly gotten out of hand, so Mr. Rubin brought us back to

reality," he said.
"With this Asia stuff, you never. know what's going to happen," said-Jameson Yardley, a cash trader with Zions Capital Markets. "For the last six to nine months there have been a steady solid stream of contradictory statements from Japan. We should probably expect

much less than necessary. New supply in the form of the Treasury's auction of \$12 billion of two-year notes Tuesday and \$11 billion of fiveyear notes may pressure the markets lower in the beginning of the week, Mr.

Yardley said. The beginning of the week will bring little market-moving data. Releases will begin to pick up with the durable goods report for May on Wednesday, and then the final gross domestic product report for the first quarter on Thursday.

(Bloomberg, Market News)

New International Bond Issues

Compiled by Laurence Desvilettes

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Floating Rate Note	 S					. *
Memili Lynch & Co.	\$750	2003	0.75	99.912		Over 3-month Libor. Noncollable. Fees 0.30%, (Merrill Lynch Infl.)
Nomura Global Funding	\$500	2003	- 1 9	99.725	~	Over 3-month Libor. Nancaliable. Fees 0.175%. (Namura Infl.)
Pastor Intl Finance	\$200	2003	1/16	99.665		Over 3-month Libar. Nancallable. Fees 0,175%. (Deutsche Bank.)
Calsse Centrale de Credit Immobilier	£250	2006	Иs	99.718		Over 3-month Libor. Noncollable. Fees 0.175%. Denominations £100,000. (HS&C Markets.)
Associates Corp. North America	ECU500	2003	V ₆	99.61		Over 3-month Libor. Noncollable. Feet 0.29%, (Goldman Sochs Infl.)
Credit Commercial de France	ECU200	2002	libor	99.964		Interest will be the 3-month Libor. Noncollable. Fees 0.75%, (Barckeys Capital.)
Ibercaja Finance	ECU300	2003	76	99.96		Over 3-month Libor. Noncollable. Fees 0.175%, (ABN-AMRO Hoare Govett.)
Fixed-Coupons						
DSL Bank	\$200	2001	4V2	98.1025	96.50	Reoffered at 96.915. Noncollable. Fees 144%. (Commerzhank.)
Esprit Telecom	\$150	2008	10%	100.00		Semionnuolly, Callable of par in 2003, Fees 24%. (Lehmon Brothers Intl.)
Regional Independent Media Group	\$110	2008	101/2	100.00	-	Semiannucity. Callable at 105¼ in 2003. Fees not disclosed. (Goldman Sochs Intl.)
Russia	\$2,500	2028	1234	98.437	96.00	Redeemable at par in 2008. Fees 1%. (Deutsche Bank.)
Zunch Finance	\$300	2003	6	100.055	100.30	Nancollable, Fees 0.275%. (SBC Warburg.)
ABN-AMRO Bonk	DM500	2008	51/4	101.841	99.05	Reoffered at 99.741. Noncollable, Issue tray be redenominated in euros offer EAU, in which case it will be (ungible with oustanding issue. Fees 21/%. (ABN—AMPO House Gowell.)
Citicorp	DM350	2010	51/2	99.365	91.02	Noncollable, Fees 0.45%. (Goldman Sachs Intl.)
Euronet Services	DM243.2	2006		61.675		There will be no interest until 2003, thereafter a semiannual 124%. Callable at 106,188 in 2007 Fees 0.325%. (Aventil Lynch Intl.)
Philip Morris Finance	DM2.000	2008	554	101.902	99.70	Reoffered of 99.277. Noncallable. Fees 21/9%. (CS First Boston.)
Santander Financial Issuance	D/M300	2008	514	99.1804		Nonceliable, Fees 0.45%, (Commerzbank.)
Bayerische Vereinsbank	£100	2000	7	99.491		Noncollable, Fees 0.125%, (HSBC Markets.)
Regional Independent Media Group	£93.5	2008	=	53.475		There will be no interest until 2003, thereafter a semiannual 121/49s. Semiannually, Callable in 106.437 in 2003. Fees not disclosed. (Goldman Sachs Infl.)
Summit Finance	£136.6	2028	6.484	100.00		Semianawally, Average life 20,1 years. Fees 0.625%. Denominations £10.000. (Morgan Statisty Dean Witter.)
Morgan (J.P.) & Co.	ITL500,000	2008		101.425	=	Interest will be linked to the yield of the 10-year Treasury bonds from Italy, France and Garmany, Reoffered at par. Noncollable, Fees 17/66, (J.P. Margan Securities.)
World Bank	ITL100,000	2013	8	101-4		Interest will be 7% until 2002, 6% in 2003, when issue is callable of por, Thereafter 15% less twice the 12-month Libor. Fougible with outstanding issue, raising total amount to 300 billion. Fees 2%. (Credito Italiano.)
Mexico Capital Protected Investments	ECU200	2033	Zero	6.10		Yield 8.37%. Reoffered at 5.95. Callable at 13.3246 in 2008. Proceeds 12.2 million Ecus. Fees 0.20%. Denominations 100,000 Ecus. (Doubsche Bank.)
Ontario Hydro	C\$600	2008	5.60	101.106	97.01	Semiannually. Nancallable. Fungible with outstanding issue, raising total amount to C\$1.3 biblion. Fees not disclosed. (Nesbit.)
European Bank for Reconstruction & Development	SAR1,000	2029	zero	24	99.10	Yield 12.11%. Reoffered of 2.65. Noncostable. Fungible with outstanding issue, raising total for amount to 3 billion rand. Fee; 0.70%. (TD Securities.)
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Corporate Services Group	260	2005	71/2	100.00	_	Somlannually, Callable at par in 2003, Convertible at £3.09 per share, a 19% premium. Fees not disclosed, (HSBC Markets.)
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bad loans as of March. The total

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which are either bad or may turn

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■ Japan Makes No Promises Sheryl WuDunn of The New York

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Times reported earlier:

JAPAN: Pledge to Continue Reforms new, specific commitment to economic restructuring seemed a step backward from the expectations that had been raised just a few days

earlier. When the United States joined with Japan on Wednesday to intervene in foreign-exchange markets to prop up the yen, President Bill Clinton and other officials saying a 30 trillion-yen stimulus strongly hinted that Japan was ready to take new steps to bolster its economy, but Saturday those steps seemed more clusive than ever.

The Japanese government insisted that it had made no promises of further restructuring in exchange for American support for its currency. "If you ask if there are secret agreements between the United States and Japan: There are none,' Eisuke Sakakibara, deputy finance minister for international affairs, said at the conclusion of the G-7

meeting. Financial markets throughout the world soared in the past few days in part on the expectation that the yen's long slide had ended and that Japan would undertake new policies to improve its economy. It is not clear how the markets will react in the Tokyo to buy yen for dollars and how the markets will react in the prop up the faltering currency. The intervention took the dollar from an new steps to emerge this weekend.

Mr. Summers would not say whether Japan had outlined new economic measures or how confident he was that it would respond

day.

The deputy finance ministers gathered Saturday said they would be watching the foreign-currency markets and would "cooperate as intended to jake further." The meeting of G-7 officials was intended to put pressure on Japan to take further steps and to reassure the financial markets that there was a cial markets were hoping for a quick new determination on Japan's part reaction from Japan, with detailed to address its problems.

But the vagueness of the simple ing our seriousness and urgency of statement issued by the meeting's the matter," Mr. Sakakibara said. "I But the vagueness of the simple international commitment, a failure to bring economic recovery cannot be forgiven," said Junji Ota, analyst at Okasan Research Institute. "If

In the statement, the United States and other countries agreed to "mon-itor developments" and cooperate industry, it has backtracked on some change markets, but there was no its markets and to create a more open Japan's failure to provide any mention of any effort to reverse the financial environment.

Buffett to Buy General Re in

\$22 Billion Deal Washington Post Service OMAHA, Nebraska Berkshire Hathaway Inc., the investment holding company controlled by the billionaire investor

Warren Buffett, has agreed to pay \$22 billion in stock for General Re Corp., the largest U.S. The purchase of General Re would broaden Mr. Buffett's reach in the insurance industry and add about \$24 billion to Berkshire's existing holdings of

investment securities, valued at \$46 billion at the end of 1997. For General Re, the deal affords access to a huge pool of capital and income that will allow it more stable earnings.

Mr. Buffett said the compa nies would have a net worth of \$56 billion, greater than any U.S. company and second only to Royal Dutch/Shell Group among global companies.

The transaction was announced Friday after financial markets closed. Berkshire Hathaway Class A shares closed Friday at \$80,900, up \$1,900. The Class B shares closed at \$2,705, up \$67. General Re shares closed at \$275.00, up \$50.875.

decline of the yen. 'We issued a statement express-

think they believe our seriousness.' One problem is that Japan has repeatedly promised before to tackle its economic and banking troubles. But while it is pushing through with a grand program, called the "big bang," to restructure the financial 'as appropriate' in the foreign-ex- of its previous pledges to liberalize

HELLO??: Computers Do the Talking

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But the systems promise customers new ease in performing every type of transaction. The relatively few consumers who have found themselves talking to a computer are generally positive about the experience.

"Sometimes it feels like it's smarter than I am," said Tony Molinaro, a United manager. He began using the company's reservation system, which is available only to employees, several months ago and routinely uses it to book flights.

The system has enough sophistication to know about the members of his family who are eligible to fly. For example, when he refers to his father, the computer asks, "Do you mean Ben?"

"It's very neat that it understands me," Mr. Molinaro said.

Speech recognition began in the 1960s when computer scientists began to research the idea with financing from the Pentagon's Advanced Research Projects Agency. which created the original Internet.

Despite the optimism of research-

ers and prototypes built in the 1980s, commercial applications remained clusive. It was not until the early 1990s that companies ranging from giants like International Business Machines Corp. to start-ups like Dragon Systems began offering the first commercial systems. These systems, designed for personal computers, initially recognized only in-dividual words and forced users to

The commercial turning point came in 1992, when AT&T Corp. introduced a five-term speech recognition technology into its nationwide long-distance network. That system, which can recognize just five terms
— "collect," "operator," "third dred million" dollars a year, most of

it in labor costs, AT&T says. According to the Bureau of Labor telephone, directory assistance and from 400,000 between 1970 and 13,000 stocks.

jobs - have been lost in the six years since the first rudimentary speech recognition was introduced, according to labor economists and AT&T executives.

The number of jobs created or destroyed by such systems is a matter of much debate. But many labor experts agree that the new technologies will contribute to the growing polarization of the job market into high-skill and low-skill jobs and a corresponding disparity in wealth.

They will create high-paying jobs for computer programmers and for the many marketing people who sell their work. But in the process, they will destroy semiskilled jobs in customer service.

"One of the main sources for new jobs for the middle class over the past 15 years have been telephone sales and information-related," said Robert Reich, the former secretary of labor, who is a professor of eco- Focus said Sunday. nomic and social policy at Brandeis University. "Now all those jobs are on the line."

Last month, Sears, Roebuck & Co. became the nation's first retailer to install a computer system that answers all phone calls at the company's 833 stores, responding to queries and automatically routing calls to the right department.

Sears executives say that while 3,000 jobs were affected by the new system, no workers were laid off. Because of the strength of the economy, the company was able to reassign its telephone operators to new jobs as sales and stocking clerks, but those jobs might not be possible in times of slower economic growth.

Last autumn, Charles Schwab & Co., the discount stockbroker, party," "credit card" and "person began allowing customers to buy to person" — saves "several hun- and sell mutual funds over the phone began allowing customers to buy using software developed by a Silicon Valley start-up, Nuance Communications. The system under-Statistics, the number of jobs for stands the names of more than 1,300 funds and can respond to requests in-house operators fell to 164,000 for price quotes for more than

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1996, a decline of 236,000 jobs. •The Software Publishers Association, the largest U.S. More than a fifth of those — 51,000 industry trade association, charged that Microsoft Corp. was using anti-competitive business tactics to extend its market dominance beyond personal computers to back-office "fileserver" machines and corporate networks.

• The Philippines has formally protested against an assessment by the International Monetary Fund-that it had

understated its foreign debt by \$6 billion. · Optus Communications Pty. and AAPT Ltd., two Aus. tralian telecommunications companies, have begun a political campaign to reduce the market dominance of the local in. dustry giant Telstra Corp.

· Mannesmann AG priced its new shares at 160 Deutsche marks (\$89.25) per share in its planned 3 billion DM capital increase. The new shares will begin trading Wednesday on the Frankfurt bourse.

• Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan Ltd. is discussing merger with Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank Ltd., the Asahi Shimbun reported. Dai-Ichi is Long-Term Credit's largest shareholder. China plans to increase tax breaks for exporters in a bid to bolster trade in the face of the Asian financial crisis, the China

· Porsche AG has withdrawn an offer to buy the renowned Italian car brand name Bugatti, the German news magazine AFP, Reuters, WP

Daily reported Sunday.

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BIVIDEND NOTICE

At the Annual General Meeting held on 17 June 1998, the shareholders resolved to declare a dividend of Yen 50 per share, payable on 15 July 1998 to shareholders on record on 15 July 1998 and to holders of bearer shares upon presentation of coupon n 28. The shares will be quoted exclividend as from 15 July 1998.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the CITADEL PUND N.V. (the "Company") will be held at De Ruyterkade 62, Curacao, at 10:00 A.M. local time on July 31, 1998.

The agenda of the meeting is deposited for the shareholders for inspection at the office of the Company at De Ruyterkade 62, Curacao.

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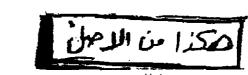
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The Women (and Girls) Who Would Be Wimbledon's Queen

By Robin Finn

WIMBLEDON, England — Uneasy lies the head that doesn't wear this crown: From crass teenagers to cranky veterans, everybody's clamoring to be the queen of Wimbledon this year.

According to no less an authority on women's tennis than the six-time Wimbledon champion Billie Jean King, the last time the game was so glutted with talent, and with novel personalities hungering for

glory, was never.
"Women's tennis is in the best shape in its history. without question," said King, who is now a U.S. television commentator.

Continuing a tradition that began, to some degree, here at Wimbledon when Lottie Dodd won the title in 1887 at age 15, women's tennis has a bevy of teenage - Jana Novotna en celebrities. Each is intent on looking and playing like route to a pre-Wimbledon no one else in the world, especially their precursors, and each is already famous regardless of whether she

has won a tournament.

Navratilova, the nine-time Wimbledon champion, of won't Anna Kournikova, 17, who reached the semifinals here last year.

"I don't have a problem with her marketing," she added. "What I do have a problem with is being cocky and arrogant when you've not won a damn thing.

were in doubt Sunday, Agence France-Presse re-ported. She strained her thumb in a fall while beating

Graf is one veteran who will bring passion to her ported. She strained her thumb in a fall while beating Steffi Graf at the Eastbourne tournament on Wed-

["It will be a close call," said Pavel Slozoil, Kournikova's coach. "I don't know if Anna will be able to hold the racket by Tuesday."]

The undisputed monarch of the bunch is a 17-year-old Swiss girl who just recently began falling for boys instead of horses. Will Martina Hingis put business before round course, they would meet in the final. pleasure and defend in 1998 the second of the three Grand Slam titles she won in 1997? There are 127 other players,

"Sex appeal does not win matches." said Martina among the top 30 players in the world, hoping that she

Even Hingis's fellow teenagers agree that her tennis is more sophisticated than theirs. That's why beating her has become just as momentous a rite of passage as beating a legend like Graf.

That's why Kournikova, who has beaten Hingis this [Kournikova's chances of even competing this year season, had said that she was heading into Wirnbledon

> pursuit of the 1998 Wimbledon title, because she knows her days at the top are ending rather than just beginning. She recognizes that this could be her last campaign on these lawns. Graf is the only player, veteran or not, to own a 5-1 record against Hingis, which includes two victories at Wimbledon. If Hingis and Graf, a seven-time champion, weather the seven-

> Graf, 29, the German who was ousted from her perch atop the ranking 15 months ago by Hingis, has ac-

including as many as five of Hingis's teenage compatriots cumulated nearly as many surgeries as Grand Slam tight including as many as five of Hingis's teenage compatriots — she holds 21 — but she refuses to surrender her specific from Company of the holds 21 — but she refuses to surrender her specific from Company of the holds 21 — but she refuses to surrender her specific from Company of the holds 21 — but she refuses to surrender her specific from Company of the holds 21 — but she refuses to surrender her specific from the holds 21 — but she refuses to the youngsters. Straight from cursing our en-official who worked the lines during her petulant has Kournikova at Eastbourne, she is steeling herself. outlast the competition and is seeded fourth — on strength of her past laurels — despite an actual rank

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Another Grand Slam champion on the rebound Monica Seles, the 24-year-old Yugoslav-turnedidian who made a rousing sprint to the French Cofinal. That Seles counts no Wimbledon titles and her collection of nine Grand Slam victories makes bid almost as urgent, and just as sentimental

Sentiment aside, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, Spain, the French Open champion and two h Wimbledon finalist, wants to prove the old guard

not going to be put out to pasture.

"Results say everything," she said. "Now the won the French, maybe they'll have more respect."

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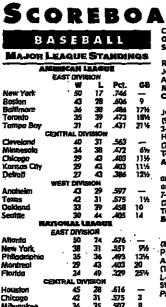
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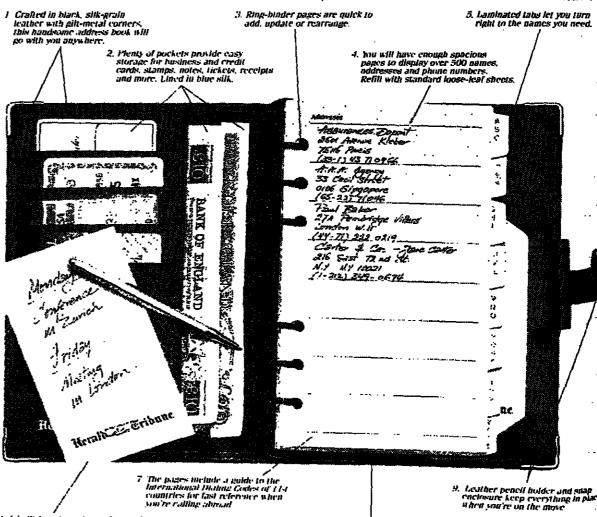


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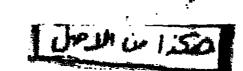
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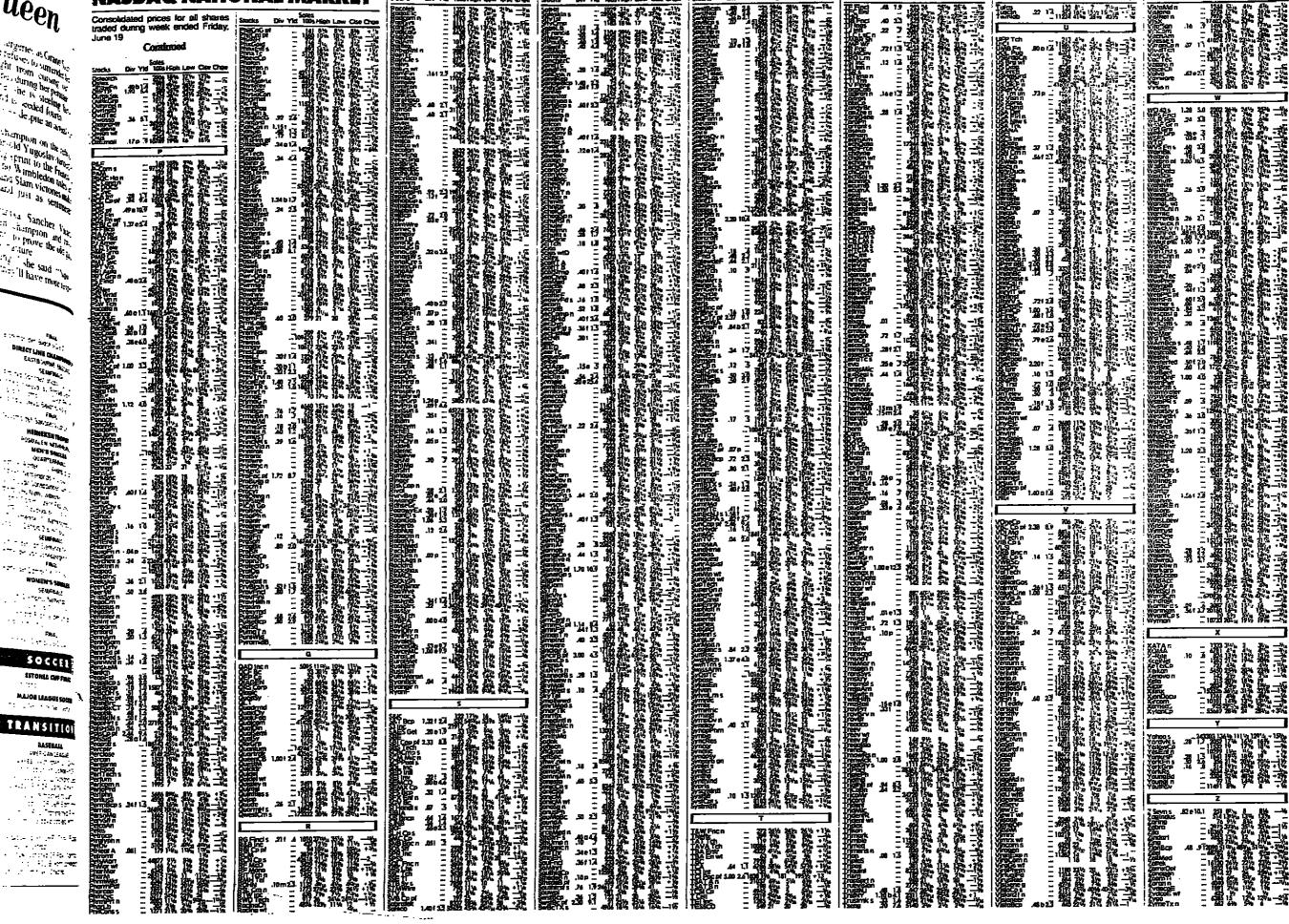
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WORLD ROUNDUP Stewart Leads Lehman by 4 Entering the Final Round

A Trophy for Rafter

TENNIS Patrick Rafter breezed through the final of the Heineken Trophy grass-court tournament Sunday in Rosmalen, Netherlands, beating Martin Damm, an unseeded Czech, 7-6 (7-2), 6-2. Rafter, the U.S. Open champion, is seeded sixth for Wimbledon, which starts Monday.

Panthers Get New Coach

ICE HOCKEY Terry Murray became head coach of the Florida Panthers on Sunday. His brother, Bryan, is the team's general manager and coached the final 59 games last season. Florida finished with secondworst record in the National Hockey League, two years after it reached the Stanley Cup finals.

Al Campanis Dies at 81

BASEBALL Al Campanis, the former Los Angeles Dodgers executive, died Sunday. He was 81. Campanis was the Dodgers' general manager from 1968-1987. Before that, he was the team's scouting director. He was fired in 1987 shortly after he appeared on television and said blacks "lacked the necessities" to be managers and front-office executives.

Victory for South Africa

CRICKET Jacques Kailis, the South African bowler, took four wickets Sunday as England collapsed for a second time, and South Africa won the second test by 10 wickets at Lord's in London. England, which was all out for 110 in its first innings, reached 222 for three wickets in its second innings before losing six wickets for 11 runs. It was all out for 264, leaving South Africa to make 15 runs to win. (Reuters)



Payne Stewart lining up a putt (for an eagle) on the Olympic Club course.

By Leonard Shapiro Washington Post Service

SAN FRANCISCO — If Payne Stewart had any haunting memories of a bogey-bogey finish in the second round, any flashbacks to that wacky 7-foot birdie putt that became a missed 22footer at the 18th green, it was not evident in the third round as he marched well ahead of the pack toward the final 18 holes of the U.S. Open.

Stewart began his third round Saturday exactly the way he wanted, hitting his second shot at the 533-yard opening

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hole at the Olympic Club within 25 feet of the flag and stepping up and curling the purt into the cup for an eagle.

He ended with a par 70 to put him 3under at 207 after 54 holes, with a fourshot advantage over Tom Lehman, who had 68 in the third round, and the 1986 PGA champion, Bob Tway, who had

"I've played good golf, and there's no reason I shouldn't think I can play good golf tomorrow," Stewart said. "There's no reason why I shouldn't believe I can win the golf tournament, because I put myself in position to win it."

On Sunday, Stewart was to be paired with Lehman, playing in the last group in the final round of an Open for a fourth straight year. Lehman, the British Open champion, has been the 54-hole leader each time, only to make critical mistakes on the back side. This time, he would like to believe it will be different.

"If I'm not leading," he said, "the pressure will be on the other guy. It's something different, maybe something better for me."

Tway, a shot off the lead after 36 holes, got to 3-under for the tournament when he made a 14-footer for birdie at the second hole, only to double-bogey the treacherous 433-yard ninth hole. But he held his game together on the back side, and his birdie at the 18th put him into a tie for second.

Two other players with major championship victories finished the third round with a 2-over 212: the 1993 Open champion, Lee Janzen, with a 73 and the three-time major champion, Nick Price of Zimbabwe, with 71.

Matt Kuchar, a student at Georgia Tech, finally faltered Saturday, undone like so many others by swirling winds, crusty greens and tricky pin positions. Six back-nine bogeys led to a round of 76 that left him at 5-over 215. With little to cheer, and a warning from the U.S. Golf Association to tone down his act, his father, Peter - who is also his caddie - was noticeably subdued from

the previous day.

A high-ranking USGA official confirmed Saturday that Peter Kuchar had been "spoken to" Saturday morning before his son's round and reminded about proper decorum for caddies at the major championship level of the game. The official said Peter Kuchar had essentially been asked to keep his celebratory leaps and cheerleading to a minimum.

No amateur has won the Open since John Goodman accomplished the feat in 1993, a streak that will not be broken Sunday.Kuchar is tied for 12th.

The course "played extremely difficult," Kuchar said. "The winds were swirling. If you didn't hit perfect golf shots, they wouldn't go where you'd want them to go."

This was more a test of survival than a pleasant day by the Pacific shore on a brutally difficult Lake Course. By the time Stewart made the turn, he was the only player on the leader board under par as he tried to become the first wireto-wire Open champion since Tony Jacklin in 1970 at Hazeltine in Chaska, Minnesota. That's where Stewart won his first U.S. Open title in 1991.

Several players made an early run at Stewart on Saturday, a one-shot leader going into the third round. Lehman birdied his first three holes to get to even par. Just as quickly, he made three straight bogeys. Still, he managed to stop the slide with seven straight pars before making birdie at the 14th hole and a 5foot birdie putt at the 18th.

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Reparting the Reparting the man seed for his own "Yesterday, I was as angry as I've ever been walking off the golf course a Lehman said, furious about the difficult pin positions on Friday. "I had to anot-ogize to a lot of guys for biting their heads off. The course was set up much better today."

State 2 more six and the first of the first Lehman has been brilliant in the third rounds of the last three Opens, within 66.7 stroke average. He has had difficults finishing it off, though, with two third places, including last year and a tie for second in 1995 to show for it. His stroke average in those final rounds was 72.72

Market Ma Any thought Tiger Woods had of staging a miracle weekend comeback ended Saturday with a 71, for a total af in suregeding the party of the 217, giving him a 10-shot deficit one course that yielded only three scores in

the 60s on Saturday.

'It was a struggle out there. I hit a see of loose shots,' Woods said. 'I need to hit more greens, more fairways. But I've played so much better mentally than in any of the majors last year. Casey Martin, Woods's former Stan-

ford teammate, also struggled Saturday Permitted to use a golf cart because of a disability that makes walking difficult he shot 74 and was at 219. "This place is kind of goofy," Martin

said. "When you hit a good shot and get a bad result, it's defeating. I was a defeated fellow out there for a while." The same could not be said for Steak

art. For most of the day, he seemed content to hit toward the middle of the greens and give himself a good chance for a makable two-putt par: Stewart's father, Bill, played in the Open at the Olympic Club in 1955.

Asked what advice his late father might give him, Stewart smiled.

"He'd say, 'Bus, just keep doing what you're doing. Keep putting it on the greens and keep your head still when you're putting. I can't look at what anybody else is doing. I've got to worry about Payne Stewart.

"I'm not going out there trying to play against Tom Lehman. I'm going out there to play the golf course."

A Present for Alou as Expos Top Braves

Dustin Hermanson pitched five-hit ball for eight innings Sunday and the Expos beat the Atlanta Braves, 4-1, giv- 11 batters he faced. ing the Montreal manager, Felipe Alou, his 500th career

The Expos took two of games. three from Atlanta, winning

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their first series against the Braves since July 1994. Alou passed Gene Mauch for second place on the victory list of Expos managers. Buck

Rodgers leads with 520. Hermanson (5-6) shut down the National League's top offense, allowing only a seventhinning home run to Michael Tucker. He struck out five and won for just the second time in

his last six starts. Denny Neagle (8-5) allowed four runs - three innings. He struck out four stream and walked three.

Shane Andrews hit his 12th home run in the sixth inning. Red Sox 3, Devil Rays 1 In St. Petersburg, Florida, Pedro Martinez gave up only a fifthinning triple in eight innings

Bay.

Martinez (9-2) struck out in June, leadir six and walked two. The Philadelphia.

two-hitter against Seattle in April, regrouped after Miguel Cairo's triple to retire the last

Nomar Garciaparra hit his 10th homer as the Red Sox won for the ninth time in 11

ine hit a three-run double and first game since May 5 as Kansas City beat Detroit.

had three RBIs for the Royals, who have won seven of 10. Kansas City took three of four September 1996.

In Saturday games: Giants 5, Padros 2 Shawn Estes and Robb Nen combined on a six-hitter, and Rich Aurilia doubled and singled to drive in three runs as San Francisco stopped San earned - on six hits in six Diego's 11-game winning

> Estes allowed two runs on five hits in 71/2 innings. Nen got five outs for his National

League-leading 22d save. Cubs 9, Phillies 4 In Chicago, Sammy Sosa hit two home runs for the second leading Boston over Tampa straight day and set a majorleague record with 16 homers in June, leading Chicago past

Sosa had a two-run homer Burks homered and drove in in the third and hit a three-run four runs and as Colorado beat blast in the sixth. He has 20 visiting Los Angeles to snap a home runs in his last 21 games, and 29 for the sea-

turned 21 on Tuesday, hit his eight innings and hit a tie-Royals 6, Tigers 5 Jeff Con- struck out 11 in 71/2 innings. enth inning as the Pirates won

Braves 5, Expos 1 John in Milwaukee. seven innings in his return from the disabled list, and Javy Larry Sutton homered and Lopez hit a three-run homer as Atlanta won in Montreal.

Marlins 8, Mets 3 Livan Hernandez pitched a comin Detroit to win three straight plete game and Todd Zeile hit series for the first time since a two-run homer as Florida won in New York. The Mets' starter, Hideo Nomo (2-8), winless since April 28 with Los Angeles, lasted five-plus innings, allowing four runs on

seven hits and six walks. Astros 9, Reds 8 In Houston, Carl Everett's two-out, bases-loaded double capped a four-run eighth, and Jeff Bagwell added a three-run homer as Houston beat Cincinnati.

2 In St. Louis, Manny Aybar pitched six strong innings in his first start in nearly a month, and Ray Lankford hit the first time since June 4.

four-game losing streak.

Pirates 4, Brewers 2 Pitts-burgh's Jon Lieber limited Kerry Wood (7-3), who the Brewers to four hits in first big-league home run and breaking double in the sev-

Wells struck out nine batters in eight strong innings, and Marian Rivera held off a ninth-inning Cleveland rally as the New York Yankees beat the Indians for the third time in four games.

White Sox 8. Twins 7 Minnesota led in the 10th and the 11th innings in Chicago, but the White Sox rallied both times. In the bottom of the 11th, Wil Cordero, a pinch hitter, and Greg Norton hit runscoring singles with two outs to give Chicago the victory.

Angels 8, Rangers 3 Sieve Sparks overcame Juan Gonzalez's two-run homer in the first inning as Anaheim beat visiting Texas. Gonzalez hit his 23d homer to increase his total of runs batted in to 88.

Jimmy Haynes pitched shutout ball for 71/3 innings a two-run homer as St. Louis shutout ball for 7½ innings beat Arizona to reach .500 for before being knocked out of the game by a line drive, and Rockies 7, Dodgers 6 Ellis A. J. Hinch and Jason Giambi



Hideo Nomo heading for a loss against the Marlins.

hit home runs as Oakland won in Seattle.

Baltimore, Lenny Webster hit the first of three homers off Woody Williams and Bal-Scott Erickson timore's pitched his fifth complete game as the Orioles beat Toronto.

Devil Rays 8, Red Sox 5 In St. Petersburg, Florida, Paul Sorrento hit a two-run homer and Dave Martinez doubled with the bases loaded to drive in two runs as Tampa Bay stopped Boston.

troit, Bobby Higginson and Luis Gonzalez hit first-inning homers as Brian Moehler improved to 7-0 at home to beat

In the Mystics' WNBA Opener, More at Play Than Just a Game

By Michael Wilbon Washington Post Service

see a dazzling U.S. Olympian, Nikki McCray, whom little girls and boys all over the city will quickly come to adore.

But it was so much bigger than that, really. Washington's 85-76 victory over Utah was so much more important than the game people

VANTAGE POINT

play. Susan O'Malley, president of Washington Sports and Entertainment, recalled how five or six years ago she would speak to a group of young women at some school or Rotary Club. And she would point to herself, a successful executive in the high-testosterone world of professional sports, as proof that women can and should follow their career dreams no matter what cynics say.

"I'd tell them, "If I can do this, you can," she said. "They'd always come back with, 'Yeah, well the one thing we still can't do is

play at the professional level." WNBA, the answer is 20,674 showing up at MCI Center on Friday night, the largest crowd to ever watch a women's pro game in North packed arenas aren't new. But there was America. If it's a year later than we'd have something so innocent about this night, no

petition, the opening was worth the wait at was worth it for all those little girls (and, we hope, boys), thousands and thousands of them WASHINGTON — On the simplest level, to see Tipper Gore, Supreme Court Justice it was a basketball game, the first Women's Sandra Day O'Connor, Health and Human National Basketball Association game played Services Secretary Donna Shalala and Senator in Washington, the first victory for the new Barbara Mikulski, Democrat of Marylands a chance for people here to come to center court to show their sup not just this team, but this entire endeavor.--

You think there's a stronger, more highpowered endorsement of women's basketball anywhere in the world than the one they put forth by walking to center court before the opening tip? They were there to say the same thing O'Malley says to those women at the Rotary Club: "If we can do it, you can, too." Not a single soul can come back with, "But we can't play professionally." because all

they have to do now is point to the court.

The names aren't familiar, but they will be Jim Lewis, a fine college coach at George Mason before he became head coach of the Mystics, has been telling hard-headed men for years that there's a huge untapped market for women's basketball. Lewis could see the future of women's en's basketball clearly, even before people such as David Stern, the NBA commissione

Chances are, there wasn't anybody in this place - not a player or justice or vice president's wife -- as proud as Lewis was when For a while, O'Malley had no real answer for them, but she does now. The answer is the so proud my hometown came out in force, "Se said. "It's what I've been waiting for."

Pro sports aren't new. Big-time games in liked, a year after the WNBA began com- matter how corny it sounds.

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After Thrashings, 3 British Teams Blame the Referees

Three touring British Isles teams lost by a combined 130-32 in rugby union internationals and afterward, all three teams blamed the referees.

After England lost Saturday, 64-22, to New Zealand in Dunedin, Clive Woodward, England's coach, complained that John Hart, the New Zealand coach had

International Rugby

'harangued' the referee, Wayne Erickson of Australia, at halfime. By that time England was behind, 26-8, and had lost Danny Grewcock, expelled for stamping on Anton Oliver, the All Black hooker. Scotland lost, 33-11, to Australia in Brisbane but after the match Rob Wain-

wright, Scotland's captain, complained

that Rod Macqueen, Australia's coach,

had influenced the refereeing by sug- Tom Beim scored tries for England. Tim Teichmann of South Africa and Paddy

Johannesburg. After the game Ireland's team manager, Donal Lenihan, said the referee, Joel Dume of France, should have ejected at least one South African for violent play. New Zealand 64, England 22 Grew-

cock, the England lock forward, was suspended Sunday for five weeks by an independent disciplinary committee. He will miss the two remaining tests of England's so far disastrous tour. New Zealand broke the game open

with nine tries. Andrew Mehrtens kicked Richard Cockerill, Matt Dawson, and cidents involving the team captains, Gary France.

Grewcock was expelled. They finished

Stimpson converted two of them. Woodward returned to England on Sunday after the death of his father, team

officials said. Australia 33, Scotland 11 In Brisbane, Australia ran in four tries to one to snuff beforehand that he would be singled out out a determined Scottish team in the

Ben Tune, Stephen Larkham, Willie Ofahengaue and Nathan Grey scored Rossouw scored tries for South Africa. tries for the Wallabies. Duncan Hodge replied for Scotland. Wainwright was not happy with the referee, Brian Campsall, an Englishman.

Wainwright twice spoke to Campsall with three tries in the seven minutes after about what he thought was unfair treat- three penalties in the match. Cedric ment against his team. South Africa 33, Ireland 0 in Johan-

Johns of Ireland. A week earlier in the first test, Wood had punched Teichmann, On Saturday, Wood paid the price.

"He's battered, bloodied and bruised," said Lenihan. "There were suggestions for specific treatment. Teichmann, Joost van der Westhuizen,

Johan Erasmus, James Dalton and Pieter France scored five tries and two penalties to beat Argentina, 37-12, in the second of two test matches Saturday in Buenos Aires.

Argentina scored a drop goal and had Soulette scored two tries, and Christophe Dominici, Xavier Garmajosa and



nesburg, the match was marred by in- Oliviert Brouzet got one each for Raphael Ibanez of France, right, breaking (Reuters. AP. AFP) away in a test match against Argenting



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the hysterical demands on a Brazilian coach, he had opted for the kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It pays well, but fires . The Saudi players are not of world The island when class. They lost, narrowly, to Denmark and then surrendered, 4-0, to France. So in the morning, the sheikhs told the champion of world trainers, take your as a renegate la constitue on March 23 bag of gold and go. " It is scapegoat time, easier to dismiss approved that Come a foreign mercenary than to admit that Sector and exectly pur Saudi players are out of their depth. E That brovince of the ing government de-Tamoff to wan he of the United State

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But it took a compelling 90 judgment of the Scottish referee,

The Belgians gained their man advantage in the 29th minute, after Pavel Pardo was given a red card for planting his studs on the ankle of the Belgian defender Vital Borkelmans. In less evangelical times, the tackle might have earned Pardo only a yellow card, but in the current climate, it was difficult to find fault with the

Marc Wilmots past Jorge Campos. It was hardly the most aesthetic

penalty box and was brought down from behind by the Belgian midfielder Gert Verheyen, Dallas im-

mediately awarded the Mexicans a penalty kick.

"Everyone complains about ref- every bit as difficult as it was.

Vantage Point Ros Hugnes

End of World Cup Arrives Early for 2 Coaches Whose Teams Faltered

tism. Cha contributed to that unexpec-tedly timid display in Marseille when the Dutch Orange swarmed on Korea's goal and scored, it seemed, at will.

Should Cha have gambled? Should he have gone straight for the future by entrusting Ko Jong Soo, his 19-year-old prospect, with the midfield playmaker

Gamblers sometimes win. In their

first game, the Koreans, playing with 10 men, led Mexico by 1-0 at halftime but then Manuel Lapuente, the Mexican coach who began this tournament admitting, "I'm the one with his neck on the chopping block," made three substitutions. His team responded with three goals, inspired by his two ebul-lient, sharp and cheeky forwards, Luis Hernandez and Cuauhtemoc Blanco. They not only beat the Koreans, but their spirit soared as Mexico came from two goals down to earn another point

against Belgium. It is doubtless now that the Mexican administration will see its own gamble - removing Bora Milutinovic and re-

placing him with Lapuente -- as proof of their wisdom. Not that Milutinovic is crying in his beer. He picked up the spare coaching job at Nigeria in his fourth World Cup with a fourth different nation. He wisely negotiated his fee upfront from the military paymasters, and so when General Sani Abachi, in one of his last sentences, warned that Milutinovic could be sacked before reaching France, the nomadic Serbian

coach shrugged it off. His team appeared in disarray before the tournament, succumbing, 5-1, to the Dutch in a friendly. But one American photographer, wishing Milutinovic better fortune before Nigeria's opening match against Spain, reports this response:
"Listen, my friend," said Bora, "the

fisherman uses his bait to catch the big fish. The hook in now in the mouth of

An hour and a half later, the bait swallowed, Milutinovic walked just a little taller. And when his new Nigerian charges had disposed not only of Spain but of Bulgaria, the coach who not only went fishing but banked his prize in advance was safely in round two.

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But if gambling is your passion, consider the moves made by Guus Hiddink, the quiet coach of the Netherlands. After his squad split into factions, young and old at Euro 96, he hired a three-man council - Johan Neeskens, Ronald Koeman and Frank Rijkaard — to work between him and the players he wished

Hiddink made controversial selections, picking Patrick Kluivert, whose fine potential is betrayed by a wildness of temperament and a foolish belief that he had arrived simply by being a mil-lionaire prodigy, and Edgar Davids, whose volatile walkout in 1996 had been like a hand grenade to an already inflamed Dutch dressing room.

Kluivert, called a rapist by the taunt-ing Belgian Lorenzo Staelens, elbowed his opponent gently but unwisely in the chest and was expelled. Hiddink did not like the balance in the Dutch's opening scoreless draw with Belgium. He made wholesale changes, asking four of his players to perform roles out of their normal realm and bringing in three difResult? One-two-three-four-five goals for the Netherlands against South Korea. Hiddink is a genius; Cha Bum Kun is a former coach.

The Dutch camp followers could not see the logic of replacing Clarence Seedorf with Davids. They struggled to believe that Philip Cocu, who had been a pivotal midfield springboard for the team, could convert to play center forward role alongside Dennis Bergkamp. Cocu was as doubting as the next

man. But he's a good athlete, a versatile player. Cocu, with a sublime left-foot shot, opened the scoring. Ronald De Boer, the epitome of versatility playing on the right flank, scored the last goal. Hiddink, living on the edge of results no less than the other 31 coaches here.

has used 17 of his 22-man squad in two games. He has attuned them to the pace of a World Cup — no longer a contest with 11-man teams but a conundrum of how, when and why to use your resources. Hiddink's spin of the wheel is in profit. For his last opponent, it was

Russian roulette.

Rob Hughes is Senior Correspondent

2002 Cup Hosts Go **Out of Competition**

YON — Faustino Asprilla is not

as lonely a man this week as he

The Colombian player was the first

man to be sacked and sent home from

this World Cup. Now two coaches, Car-

los Alberto Parreira and Cha Burn Kun,

have been removed even before the first

round is complete.
.. For Parreira, the fate is particularly

poignant. At the last World Cup, he was

the last man standing, the victorious

coach for his own country, Brazil. Four

years later, and of his own volition seeking a more sheltered position than

Twenty-four hours later, South Ko-

d was last.

World Cup can start planning already, because they have both been eliminated from the 1998 competition.

Japan lost, 1-0, to Croatia mated when Argentina beat

SATURDAY'S MATCHES Jamaica, 5-0, on Sunday. Ja-

pan plays Jamaica in its final match Friday in Lyon. South Korea was eliminated when it was thrashed, 5-O_i by the Dutch in Marseille on Saturday. It plays Belgium in its final game on Thursday. On Sunday, Cha Burn Kun,

the Korean coach, was fired. This is South Korea's fifth appearance in the World Cup finals, but it has yet to win a all the time.

match. The Japanese, in their first appearance in the finals, have

World Cup does not end with kamp spent in the pitch, the this result. It will go on for more chances we had. 2002 and 2006. It is definitely šhi Okada, said.

Japan lost in Nantes as Da-

the world that we can put up

kayama. scored the much of the match. "At first we can work it out next time," said Nakayama, one "At first we covering but we bave now failed to score in six consecutive matches.

Sala Nakayana, of Japan's two strikers who bave now failed to score in six said Bergkamp. "In the end the South Koreans went down consecutive matches.

a good striker. It was awe-The co-hosts of the 2002 some to see him dashing to-

rea, outfoxed by Mexico and taken apart

by the Netherlands, made a similar re-flex response: out goes coach Cha. His

brief had been to put one victory on the

board, the first at a World Cup finals for

the nation he has served as a player and

now, briefly, as trainer.

The Koreans had lost face at the last

global stage before they co-host the 2002 World Cup. Japan, their partner in

that venture taking the game to the last

continent where its development lags, is

on the brink of being eliminated, and

undoubtedly the Japanese coach, Take-shi Okada, fears that his lease on the job

Small wonder the players get the

wrong vibes. If their mentors live with

such uncertainty, if tension fills the men

charged with instilling teamwork and

enthusiasm and hope toward the future, what chance is there of players per-

Cha Bum Kun might reflect on his

brief stay in the last-chance saloon. His

team did not just lose to the Dutch, it

surrendered without the defiant spirit on

which South Korea is forged as a nation

and, once, as a tiger economy of the East. And perhaps, through conserva-

forming without fear?

In Marseille, the slick and speedy South Koreans caused a few problems for the Dutch in the first half, but the Nethon Saturday and was elim- erlands maintained control and finally took the lead in the 38th minute when Phillip Cocu scored.

Cocu was only promoted to the striker's role after Patrick Kluivert was suspended for two matches for elbowing Lorenzo Staelens during the Dutch team's 0-0 draw with Belgium.

"It was the first time in two and a half years that I played this position," said Cocu. "It was a big change but we have so much talent on our team, I was just happy to be playing

'At first I underestimated what I had to do," said Cocu. "With Bergkamp not at the also not won a match or top of his physical level, I had to work harder. I had to for the scored a goal.

"For Japanese football, the team, as the more time Berg

Mark Overmars added a not an end," the coach, Take- second goal before half time. Dennis Bergkamp, Pierre van For me, personally, the Hooijdonk and Ronald de Bo-Agoal is to win our next group er added three more in the match against Jamaica and final 18 minutes to restore the

With the victory, the Nethvor Suker scored the only goal for Croatia on a pass by Aljosa Asanovic in the 77th minute.

"We've indeed proven to the next round.

"Our strength is that we resistance and make up for have 22 very good players, all bur physical limitations with very talented with many qual-collective strength," said the ities," said Frank de Boer, Japanese striker Masashi Na- brother to Ronald, who scored the fifth and final goal

"At first we had difficulty Japan captain and sweeper mentally and that was the dif-Masami Ihara said, "Suker is ference." (AFP, Reuters, AP)



we will put all we have into it;" he added.

Dutch team's chances of South Korea's Lee Min Sung, left, keeping pace with the Dutch striker Dennis Bergkamp, whose team won, 5-0.

The added.

Colombia and Tunisia Need a Victory

1-0, to Romania and since then, Faustino Asprilla has been thrown off the team.

International Herald Tribune

Victor Aristizabal. Henry Kasperczak, Toulouse In one area at least, Romania the coach, said Tunisia had been weak will have an edge against England: It

Baya's Freiburg teammate, will lose in the English Premier League. his place after a lackluster showing Colombia will probably play An-thony De Avila, with Adolfo Valencia will join Adel Sellimi in attack. will join Adel Sellimi in attack.

in midfield against England, so he knows its enemy. Dan Petrescu plays brings in Zoubele Baya, who plays in for Chelsea and Viorel Moldovan for Germany with Freiburg. Coventry, and Gica Popescu used to The striker Mehdi Ben Slimane, play for Tottenham Hotspur, all clubs

"Dan in particular knows the English game inside out and his information is invaluable," said Adrian Ilie, who scored

P.M. Two teams that lost their opening games meet, both needing a victory.

Tunisia fell, 2-0, to England in its opening Group G game. Colombia lost,

taking the other striking role ahead of

ania vs. England, 9:00 P.M.,

his team's goal against Colombia.

For Belgium and Mexico, a Torrid Battle Ends in a Draw

By Christopher Clarey
New York Times Service

temperature on the field was a sweltering 102 degrees, which meant that the Mexican fans underneath their difficult group..

"I don't know if I should be happy or sad," said Georges Leektheir licensed sombreros had a big ens, Belgium's coach. "But when that the Mexican fans underneath their licensed sombreros had a big advantage over the Belgian fans brandishing inflatable red tridents. But after the last brow had been mopped and the last water bottle drained on Saturday night, neither of their teams would have an advaninge in the Parc Lescure. This World Cup Group E match was one that neither Belgium nor Mexico could

afford to lose, and, as has often been the case in France this June, neither

BORDEAUX, France — The the point that kept them on top of

you have a 2-0 lead and a man advantage, you should find a way to finish off the match."

brushed the head of the defender Claudio Suarez and deflected off

goal of this tournament, but then Wilmots, a solidly built 29-year-old, is known for his efficiency and his power. Three minutes into the second half, he took control of the ball outside the Mexican penalty area and essentially bowled over the luckless Suarez, shoving him out of the way with his left forearm and scoring his second goal with a jab of

Perhaps it was the heat, perhaps it

minutes to arrive at the 2-2 final score. The Mexicans had to rally from a two-goal deficit to salvage the point that kept them on top of their difficult group.

Hugh Dallas. The Belgians took their time to capitalize, but in the nical skill, but with only 10 men, they began to penetrate the Belgian he gave to the Mexicans was right, too."

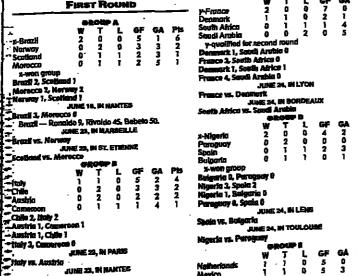
Leekens said. "I think the red card they began to penetrate the Belgian he gave to the Mexicans was right, and I think the penalty kick against us was right, too."

But the Mexican players wanted 55th minute; they wanted a chance to play the rest of this match on even terms. Before Dallas had a chance to reach into his pocket, five players had formed an angry wall in front of him, screaming for a red card. Dallas took his time, but he granted the Mexican wish.

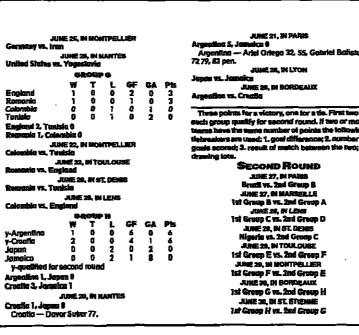
When Mexico's captain, Alberto Garcia Aspe, put that penalty kick

into the lower right corner of the Belgian goal, neither he nor his teammates were feeling the heat, and on their next serious chance, in the more than a chance to score in the 63d minute, they would score the equalizer. This goal had nothing in common with Wilmots' ungainly efforts. It came off a wonderfully timed left-footed cross from Ramirez that the striker Cuauhtemoc Blanco put past Belgium's goal-keeper, Filip de Wilde, with a leftfooted volley in mid-air that looked

World Cup Results and Group Standings



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Saudis Fire Parreira **Before Final Game**

MELUN-SENART. record fourth World Cup triumph four years ago, has been fired as coach of Saudi Arabia even though the team still has one match to play.

Parreira was fired by the "very demanding Saudis" on Saturday and said he had been a scapegoat in Saudi Arabia's early exit from the tourna-

"Obviously, they were looking for someone to blame and I guess in this case the coach will get it," Parreira his dismissal,

meeting for an hour with Saudi sports officials, Par- end of the World Cup.' reira said: "The Saudis were of now, we are no longer with the Saudi team.

and 4-0 to France, to become the first of the 32 nations to be France — Carlos Alberto Par- eliminated. The team has one reira, who guided Brazil to its more game, on Wednesday against South Africa, and Mohammed al Khuraishi, a Saudi coach, will direct the team at that match. Parreira was the eighth

coach to be fired by the Saudis in less than four years. He signed a one-year contract with the Saudi federation in December for a reported \$3 million. The decision to fire him

was made by the Saudi soccer federation, which met in Paris late Friday. "I don't feel happy and I said a few minutes before he don't feel comfortable with

left his hotel to be informed of the decision taken by the Saudi officials," Parreira Later, looking weary after said. "At least they should have let us continue until the

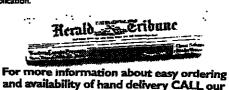
Adding that he "did not do expecting a better result. As it just for money." Parreira said that Saudi officials "should at least give more Saudi Arabia lost its first time for the coach and players two matches, 1-0 to Denmark to get used to each other.

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Late Rally Can't Save U.S. Team From Defeat and Elimination

Compiled by Our Staff From Disparcines LYON -- Iran won its States, 2-1, on Sunday after a frantic final 15 minutes.

The result means the United States, which must still play Yugoslavia, is bot-fender David Regis sidetom of Group F with zero footed a cross onto the near points and cannot qualify for post with goalkeeper Abedzthe second round. Iran is adeh rooted to his line.

The United States

IRAN 2, U.S. 1

third, with three points, one behind Yugoslavia and Germany. To take one of the top two places in the group, Iran must beat Germany in its final match or draw and hope the

Yugoslavia by two goals. Iran's victory was the first by an Asian team at the finals. Asian sides had lost all seven

with the players posing together, arms round each others shoulders, for a joint team

the Iranians giving their op- country's flag as he walked ponents flowers and the across the field. Americans presenting their rivals with pennants.

However, scuffles broke chances. out in the stands during the Tehran government were re-

lead in the 40th minute with a from 25 meters in the 33d. looping header after the Americans had created the best chances of the first half. The United States hit the post twice in the first half and controlled most of the posses-

Javad Zarincheh broke down the right side and lofted a cross to an unmarked Estili. American and Arabic music. who lofted a header across the goal into the upper left

The goal stirred the Irani-Americans regained control.

The U.S. coach, Steve Sampson, removed Tab based Iranian opposition Ramos and Roy Wegerle and group Mujahidin Khalq. put in Preki Radosavljevic and Ernie Stewart.

The move seemed to energize the Americans, and both captain Thomas Dooley and Claudio Revna parrowly missed a goal. Another Dooley header after 68 refugees

Ahmad Abedzadeh scrambling across his goal as the showdown with the United Americans, playing with increasing urgency, began to lay siege to the Iranian goal.

Joe Max Moore flashed a 20-yarder wide and then de-

swarmed around the Iranian goal and only Abedzadeh's block of Frankie Hejduk's point-blank shot in the 79th kept Iran in the lead.

As the desperate Americans pushed forward, Mehdi Mahdavikia broke behind the Kasey Keller from 15 meters.

The United States finally scored in the 88th when Brian McBride's diving header of their previous matches in crept between two defenders and over the goal line. The The match, played on Americans frantically pushed FIFA's Fair Play Day, started forward in injury time, but

couldn't get the equalizer. The final double whistle sent the Iranian bench sprint-ing onto the field and Abedz-They also exchanged gifts, adeh wrapped himself in the

Until Estili's goal, the United States had the better

Brian McBride sent a headoved by police. minutes and Reyna hit the right Hamid Estili gave Iran the post with a left-footed shot

> Iran seemed content to counter and their extended offensive possessions rarely produced anything danger-

> Iranian flags fluttered in the evening breeze next to the stars-and-stripes and fans swayed side-by-side to both

> FIFA's announced ban on political displays was ignored T-shirts supporting Massoud Rajavi, the head of the Iraqi-

Minor scuffles broke out as security confiscated some of the banners, but more were unveiled after they left.

Earlier Sunday the Mujahidinaccused French aufrom



Matias Almeyda of Argentina, left, and Darryl Powell of Jamaica tangling Sunday. Argentina triumphed, 5-0.

GERMANS: Fierce Rally Results in a 2-2 Draw With Yugoslavia

Continued from Page 1

less impressive in a 1-0 victory over Iran, but the Yugoslavs, considered one of the most dangerous unseeded teams in this event, were a different team

against the Germans. The Germans, who started the game without the injured midfielder Thomas Hassler, pressed hard in the opening match as opponents of the er from 15 meters off the top of minutes, but they would quickly lose their the crossbar after only three enthusiasm when Mijatovic, the Real Madrid star, struck a ball with his right foot in the direction of the German goal.

His 19-year-old teammate Dejan Stankovic sprinted toward it, one step ahead of Jeremies. Stankovic extended his leg. The ball brushed past it, bounced off the knee of the disoriented German goalkeeper. Andreas Kopke, and ricocheted off the far post, where it bounced off the

top of Jeremies's chest and into the goal. Though Stankovic appeared to play a passive role in that complicated process, the gifted teenager who already has agreed to terms with Lazio of Rome was

awarded his first World Cup goal. by a group of Iranian dissi-dents, who filled one section were putting their superior technical skills to ans, enabling them to control in the upper tier of one end good use and also denying Klinsmann and the last five minutes of the zone with banners and domhalf and the first 15 of the inated the crowd in a less or- a close, the German fans, who far outchanting for Matthaus, and when the second half began, the German coach, Berti Vogts, substituted him for Dietmar Hamann.

Matthaus, 37, was not supposed to be part of this German team, but after the star sweeper Matthias Sammer was unable to recover from a series of injuries and Matthaus turned in a fine season with Bayern Munich, Vogts swallowed his pride and reached out to the outthorities of banning Iranian spoken player he once had vowed would entering never play for him again. Matthaus's minutes had goalkeeper France. (AFP, AP. Reuters) appearance on Sunday made him the

French Policeman in a Coma

LENS — A French policeman was in a coma on Sunday after being attacked by German hooligans outside a

World Cup stadium.

Daniel Cadoux, chief of police for the northern French Pas de Calais region, said the attacker was German and had been arrested. Germany was playing Yugoslavia in the Felix Bollaert stadium in Lens on Sunday.

He said they were "sober, organized, mobile thugs using communications to disperse and regroup rap-

idly."
The officer, identified as 44-yearold Daniel Nivel, is married with two children, police said, and from the nearby town of Arres.

A Brazilian television reporter was also injured and taken to a hospital after hooligans surrounded him while he was filming the violence. Cadoux

to appear in five World Cup finals.

But drawing even with Yugoslavia, not

Carbajal, was the more urgent objective.

and it did not help Germany's chances

when the normally reliable Kopke mis-

handled a low, well-struck shot from the

striker Darko Kovacevic. The ball slipped

through his arms and bounced in front of

the charging Yugoslav captain, Dejan Stankovic, who joyfully gave his team a 2-0 lead in the 54th minute.

Vogts, thoroughly underwhelmed by his players' performance, would substitute

could be expelled.

headed home the equalizer.

said his condition was not serious. "They didn't come to support their team," Cadoux said. "They came to smash things up, to attack security

As many as 450 skinheads were seen on the streets before and after the match giving Nazi salutes. Police used sticks to battle the Germans, who included known groups of neo-Nazis. Police sources said known Parisian hooligans were also present, suggesting an-arranged gathering of far-right

Cadoux said 86 fans — mostly Germans — were detained. Six of the people detained - again, mostly Ger-

mans - were deported. Meanwhile, the police in Toulouse said they had arrested three known English hooligans, identified by British police spotters. They said the three

first man to play in 22 games in the twice more in the next 15 minutes, and in World Cup finals and it drew him even the 74th minute, one of those substitutes, with the former Mexican goalkeeper Michael Tamat, unleashed a long free kick and landed in the goal. The intensity that had been missing from Germany's play since the early going was back, and on a corner kick in the 80th minute, Bierhoff rose high between two defenders and

Six minutes later, Klinsmann rose high in a German wall and took a Mihajlovic free kick in the solar plexus. He dropped to the ground and stayed there in a semiconscious state as team doctors sprinted to his side. The game would continue, but Klinsmann's role in it had ended.

Batistuta Leads The Slaughter

Hat Trick Makes Him Top Striker

PARIS - Ariel Ortega did Diego Maradona's old jersey

Ortega scored the first two goals as Argentina trounced Jamaica, 5-0, on Sunday. Gabriel Batistuta finished off the slaughter with a hat-

ARGENTINA 5,

JAMAICA O. trick late in the match to become the top striker in the World Cup with four goals.

Jamaica played half the match with 10 men after Darryl Powell was sent off in the 45th minute.

The victory ensured that Argentina would reach the second round. It also eliminated the Reggae Boyz and Japan, both making their de-buts in the World Cup finals.

Argentina tops the Group H standings with six points, above Croatia on goal difference. Jamaica is last with no points and a 1-8 goals tally. Japan also has no points from two games and also goes out

with a game to play.
"We wanted to win to make sure we would qual-ify," said Daniel Passarella, the Argentina coach. "And we knew that we had to score several goals so as not to be at a disadvantage against Croatia." His team will face Croatia on Friday to close firstround play. "But sincerely I didn't think we would score

so many. Taking advantage of a ten-tative and disorganized Ja-maica, which fell apart after Powell was sent off in firsthalf injury time, Powell clattered into Ortega near the sideline to earn his second yellow card of the game. His first was also for a foul on

Argentina dominated throughout at the muggy Parc des Princes.

Ortega was the catalyst. The stocky playmaker, wearing the number 10 that Maradona wore during his illustrious career, scored in the 32d and 55th minutes on simulations through their defense."

Ortega then set up two of Batistuta's goals as the Fiorentina striker connected in the 73d, 79th and 83d

"Ortega played a great slightly mis-hit the effort game," Passarella said. "He Barrett slapped the ball away. was beaten up but fortunately Argentina won a free kick alnot injured. He played a smart most immediately on the game, not only on the indi- right. Batistuta rose to meet vidual level but also as a team player.

OPEC to Me "We played evenly until we had that expulsion," la-In Crisis Mod maica coach Rene Simoes said. "When you play with 10 men against a team the caliber of Argentina, you are likely to allow a lot of goals. We don't have the proper experi-

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Keep Droppi Ortega put his team shead after a maneuver that started just inside Argentina's haif

Juan Veron swapped passes with Diego Simeone and then released Ortega who had made a perfectly timed run down behind the defense. The Valencia for ward chipped the ball over charging keeper Warren Barrett and into an empty

Ortega made it 2-0 10 minutes after halftime when he swapped passes with Clair dio Lopez just outside the Ismaican penalty area, darted through a gap in the defense and prodded the ball past Bar-

Theodore Whitmore sur-prised the South Americans vith a low, 25-meter shot that shaved the post. But Argentina struck right back to make

it 3-0 in the 73d. Ortega was the provider this time, sliding a pass wide to Batistuta with the outside of his right foot, and the veteran powered home a shor from just inside the area.

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Six minutes later, Batistuta took a pass from Matias Almeyda and ran through a huge hole in the defense to fire home off Barrett's finger-

Batistuta's third goal came from the penalty spot, after Christopher Dawes hauled down Ortega as the forward charged into the area.

The goals will help me in my ambition to be the tournament's leading scorer, and that is the reason I came here, Batistata said.

"It wasn't easy, but after the first goal they lost concentration totally, and we

Argentina was impressive from the start, and Batisting could have scored twice inside the first 64 seconds.

First, the Jamaican defense gave him room to shoot and was lucky that the striker Barrett slapped the ball away. Veron's well-flighted cross and flashed a header wide.



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